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THE KANSAS EXCITEMENT.

Further Particulars of the Sack Lawrence.

ANOTHER INVASION BY THE BORDER RUFFIANS.

One Thousand Armed Missourians in the Field.

Special Correspondence of the N. Y. Daily Times.

KANSAS CITY, Monday, Dec. 3, 1855.

You will doubtless have learned ere this reaches you that Kansas Territory is again subjected to an extensive and desperate invasion by armed ruffians from Missouri. The opinion present entertained by Gov. SHANNON and the "Borderers" is the title fresh and alarming demonstration of "Popular Sovereignty" in Kansas, is drawn indirectly, though most forcibly, from a murder, as brutal as any recorded in the annals of a civilized people. It was perpetrated more than a week ago, at a place in the Territory about twelve miles south of Lawrence, called "Hickory Point." The deceased was a Mr. DOW, an Eastern man—his murderer, a Pro-Slavery man from Missouri, named COLEMAN. The latter, who, in Missouri, had the reputation of a quarrelsome, offensive man, had been in the habit of cutting and appropriating the timber of the Land Claim of the former, and several times attempted, by force and threats, to drive him from his claim, which he held by a prior right, indisputable in its validity. Mr. DOW had, on the day in question, ventured to remonstrate with him against this flagrant encroachment upon his right of property. Words followed words between them, when more than a week ago Mr. DOW went to Lecompton to a blacksmith shop in the neighborhood, and found there Mr. COLEMAN, together with two ruffian companions, all armed. Mr. DOW being himself entirely unarmed. Without provocation they commenced to exasperate him (DOW) into a quarrel. They threatened to shoot him, and one of them, not COLEMAN, raised his gun, cocked it, and drew it to his breast, but did not shoot. DOW avoided them, transacted his business as soon as possible, and proceeded to leave—had gotten but a few steps from the shop, and hearing the explosion of a percussion cap behind him, turned to look back, and immediately, without any warning, received the contents of one of the barrels of a fowling-piece in his breast, killing him instantly. After he had lain where he fell for some five or six hours, the citizens received information of his murder, and were highly excited at the view of the cold-blooded deed. COLEMAN having in company confederates at the hands of the people, fled, as it is stated, for counsel to the Governor, and was advised to give himself up to the Sheriff, who resides in Missouri, though officiating under legislative appointment for the people of Kansas. The murderer and this bogus Sheriff traveled together to Lecompton, where the former was put into confinement by the latter, though in fact at liberty, and being at present, as it is currently and no doubt correctly reported, facetiously engaged in treating a grandjury at the seat of Government.

The two men, in company with COLEMAN at the blacksmith shop, and who, as it is generally believed, were clearly accessories before the fact of the murder, at once took the pretension to swear their lives against one BRANSON, (with whom DOW had been traveling,) on the charge of having threatened to kill them. Also assuming him, as is believed, a false witness against them as well as against COLEMAN. The Sheriff, with a posse of fourteen armed men, arrested him on this specious charge, and was conducting him to prison, when they were met by precisely an equal number of citizens, about half of whom were armed, and after comparing the foul design, learned the cause of the prisoner's arrest and detention. These beings (regarded the assassins of the innocent) of a man too inoffensive to harm any one, they requested him to step into their ranks, which he did, when they all walked off together. No violence was used, nor even threats made, except by the bogus sheriff and his aids. This act of these men, and the burning of a cabin belonging either to two brothers, by, nobody knows whom, constitute the sole crime, ostensibly at least, of this armed invasion, which, in character and magnitude and aims, stands in the grandeur of its atrocity, defying any parallel in the history of our country, unless some of the more revolting of the buccaneering expeditions among the semi-barbarous nations, in the direction of the Tropics,—to which our people are growing proverbially prone,—may challenge a comparison.

I have taken great pains to learn the facts precisely as they exist, and have recited them here in detail, inasmuch as upon them portentous events seem now to hang. It would be proper to state further that no attempt was made, as has been alleged in Missouri, for effect, to rescue the murderer, COLEMAN, from the tender custody of his friend, the Sheriff; and it would be unjust not to remark that those who had the best opportunity for observing assert with great confidence that Pro-Slavery men burnt the cabins and charged it upon others, as an essential part of their tactics to exasperate the mob and prepare them for more murder.

After the rescue of BRANSON, the Sheriff came to the Governor at the "Shawnee Mission" for men and arms. In the meantime, as is alleged by the "Borderers," warrants were made out for the arrest of the fifteen citizens, present at the rescue, and others, residing at Lawrence, or in its vicinity, numbering, in all, forty-two. The crime whereunto they are charged does not yet appear.

The Governor, as it is stated by his Missouri friends, (they having the best opportunity to know,) ordered out the militia, and extended a general invitation to volunteers. Heralds were sent with this inflammatory intelligence through Western Missouri, and exciting appeals dispatched by telegraph to every available point. It was reported that DOW was a Pro-Slavery man, and COLEMAN an Abolitionist, and that the latter had been taken from the custody of the Sheriff—that extensive reinforcements were pouring into Lawrence, and that five large and superior field-pieces were planted in protection of the town, much of which *is still* rumored *for an similar purpose*, though the whole is entirely and absolutely false.

The Missouri mob were soon lashed into a fury, and contested arrangements commenced for an extensive military campaign, having for its avowed object the destruction of the town of Lawrence, and the total expulsion of the Free-State men from the Kansas Territory. On last Wednesday, the "ruffians" began to cross the border in wagons and on horseback, taking their line of march in the direction of the places fixed upon for encampment, the one being Franklin, three miles east of Lawrence, the other Lecompton, ten miles west. At these places reinforcements have been constantly collecting since, day and night. Orders come thick and fast from those places, across the State line, for more men and more arms. The roads leading from Missouri thither, are all the time lined with these invading barbarians, armed with fowling pieces, muskets and rifles, rendering the air hideous as they go, with their bacchanal shouts.

I saw *mounted field-pieces* being conveyed to the contemplated field of action, and loads of guns, of corn, of whisky, and of all the other necessaries for such a campaign, through the highways leading to the encampments, whither they are bound. The iron foundry at Independence has, I am credibly informed, been employed to cast cannon balls, and loads of the same have already been conveyed into the Territory.

Nearly every town and village in Missouri, as far North as St. Joseph, and East as far as Lexington and Boonville, have responded to the call for fighting men, and still the orders are for more. They do not intend to strike a blow until they have a great numerical superiority. They have now doubtless eight hundred or a thousand men on the ground; and claim to have twice that number.

Gov. SHANNON sent, on Saturday, a dispatch to the President of the United States, asking for authority to call on the troops at Fort Leavenworth and Riley, to enforce the law and protect the bogus Sheriff in the performance of his duty.

The wires were down, and riders were employed to carry the message to the first station in operation. It is stated, very positively, that four companies of soldiers have already left Fort Leavenworth for the field of prospective conflict, but it is yet involved in much doubt.

The excitement runs very high in Missouri, as the invaders avow their settled intention to destroy Lawrence unless its citizens produce the person sought by the Sheriff. The people of Lawrence have elected Dr. CHARLES ROBINSON, Commander-in-Chief, whose policy is pacific, except they be required to fight, closely in defence of their lives and property. Those upon whose arrest the Sheriff is intent are not in Lawrence, and the people there affirm that they will not take upon themselves the responsibility of producing men who have not been in their custody, legal or otherwise.

Gen. ATCHISON spent last night in secret council and companionship with Gov. SHANNON, and is supposed to have gone to Lawrence to-day.

Rumors of doubtful correctness have just reached here from Lawrence, that the citizens there are throwing up entrenchments. It is also reported that the Governor has just issued a proclamation ordering all the male citizens of the Territory under arms, in defence of the Sheriff and in aid of the "Border Ruffians."

LATEST INTELLIGENCE

By Telegraph to the New-York Daily Times.

FROM WASHINGTON.

NO IMMEDIATE PROSPECT FOR SPEAKER.

Who Prevent the Organization?

MISCHIEF MAKERS AT WORK.

Probability of the Reception of the Nicaraguan Minister.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Daily Times.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Dec. 12.

There is still no immediate prospect for Speaker. BANKS' friends are much encouraged by the steadiness of his vote, and prominent Democrats freely express the belief that he will be elected.

The members who have voted for BANKS, but not since their votes would have effected an organization, are EDWARDS and WILLIAMS, of New-York; BALL, of Ohio; DUNN, of Indiana; and FAIRS, of Pennsylvania. It is in their power to organize the House, if they choose, and as they have shown by previous votes that no conscientious scruples withhold them from voting for BANKS, we may expect them to end the contest when they are satisfied that the country wants the House to go to public business.

Mischief-makers are busy endeavoring to create dissensions.

The reflections on PENNINGTON in a New-York journal, charging him with being in the interest of the Camden and Amboy Railroad, are unfounded. He has always refused to take a fee, even as counsel for the Company.

The announcement of PARKER H. PETERSON's appointment as Nicaraguan Minister excites great surprise. It is said the President will not receive him, because of infamous acts charged upon him during his past life. This cannot be made a ground of objection, because we do not allow other nations to examine the antecedents of our Ministers abroad. The President must decline receiving him, however, unless he concludes to indorse Minister WHEELER's prosecution of WALKER's Government. The fact that the Executive has fulminated measures to prevent reinforcements going to WALKER is an intimation that WHEELER is not sustained thus far, and that he is not likely to be.

The Senate to-day has shaped its Committees in strict obedience to the behests of the Slave Power.

THURLOW WEED left the City for New-York to-night. S.

Conferences among the Members—Uncertainty of the Result—Another Effort for the Plurality.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Dec. 12.

During the protracted struggle in the House, for Speaker, not the least sign of ill-temper has yet been manifested; on the contrary, the best good-humor has characterized the proceedings. Conferences were held to-night, among the various members, but none, in the remotest degree, can foretell the event of to-morrow. Some are almost in despair of effecting an organization. The friends of Mr. RICHARDSON have resolved to stand by him; nor is it probable that, by dropping him, they could concentrate a larger number of votes on any other Democrat, the Anti-Know-Nothing and Nebraska platform being a bar to accession.

It is understood that Mr. THOMPSON will again offer his resolution providing for an election by a plurality vote, but it is not probable it will be adopted.

XXXIVth CONGRESS.—First Session.

SENATE....WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Dec. 12.

ELECTION OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Mr. CASS moved that the Senate proceed to the election of Standing Committees, which was agreed to.

He remarked it had been usual to dispense with election by ballot, as required by the rules, and expressed the hope that, to expedite business, the same course might now be pursued.

Mr. HALE objected.

The Senate then proceeded to ballot with the following result:

Committee on Foreign Relations—Messrs. Mason, Douglass, Slidell, Clayton, Weller and Fish.

Committee on Finance—Messrs. Hunter, Toucey, Pearce, Stuart, Brodhead and Crittenden.

Committee on Commerce—Messrs. Hamlin, Dodge, Stuart, Seward, Clay and Benjamin.

Committee on Manufactures—Messrs. Wright, Allen, Harlan, Wilson and Trumbull.

Committee on Agriculture—Messrs. Allen, Hunter, Thomson of New-Jersey, Harlan and Wade.

Committee on Military Affairs—Messrs. Weller, Fitzpatrick, Johnson, Jones of Tennessee, Pratt and Iverson.

Committee on Militia—Messrs. Houston, Dodge, Bell of New-Hampshire, and Thompson of Kentucky.

Committee on Naval Affairs—Messrs. Mallory, Fish, Thomson of New-Jersey, Bell of Tennessee, James and Slidell.

Committee on Public Lands—Messrs. Stuart, Johnson, Foot, Clayton, Pugh and Mallory.

Committee on Private Claims—Messrs. Benjamin, Biggs, Thompson of Kentucky, Foster and Wilson.

Committee on Indian Affairs—Messrs. Sebastian, Rusk, Toombs, Brown, Reid, and Bell of Tennessee.

Committee on Claims—Messrs. Brodhead, Fessenden, Geyer, Iverson, Yulee and Wade.

Committee on Revolutionary Claims—Messrs. Evans, Reid, Hale, Foster and Durkee.

Committee on the Judiciary—Messrs. Butler, Toucey, Bayard, Geyer, Toombs and Pugh.

Committee on Post-Offices and Post Roads—Messrs. Rusk, Collamer, Adams, Hamlin, Jones of Iowa, and Yulee.

Committee on Roads and Canals—Messrs. Slidell, Bell of New-Hampshire, Briggs, Durkee, Jones of Tennessee, and Wright.

Committee on Pensions—Messrs. Jones of Iowa, Clay, Thomson of New-Jersey, Seward and Sumner.

Committee on District of Columbia—Messrs. Brown, Allen, Mason, Pratt, Reid.

Committee on Patents—Messrs. James, Evans, Stuart, Brown, Thompson of Ky., Fessenden.

Committee on Retrenchment—Messrs. Adams, Fitzpatrick, Fish, Biggs, Crittenden.

Committee on Territories—Messrs. Douglas, Jones of Iowa, Collamer, Bell, Sebastian, Biggs.

Committee on Contingent Expenses—Messrs. Evans, Wright, Foot.

Committee on Public Buildings—Messrs. Bayard, James, Hunter, Thomson of N. J., Pratt, Hale.

Committee on Engrossed Bills—Messrs. Fitzpatrick, Collamer, Wade.

Committee on Library—Messrs. Pearce, Cass, Bayard.

Committee on Engrossed Bills—Messrs. Jones of Iowa, Sumner.

The gentleman first named on each Committee was elected Chairman thereof, and the Senate adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Dec. 12.

The House resumed voting for a Speaker.

FORTY-SIXTH BALLOT.

Banks.....108 | Fuller.....13
Richardson.....74 | Ott.....2

Messrs. Zollikoffer, Etheridge, Underwood, Harrison, Lake, Lester, Bayley, Humphrey Marshall and Williams—one each.

FORTY-SEVENTH BALLOT.

Banks.....108 | Ott.....2
Richardson.....74 | Lester.....2
Fuller.....23

Messrs. Underwood, Harrison, Zollikoffer, Lake, Peck, Humphrey Marshall, and Williams, one each.

FORTY-EIGHTH BALLOT.

Banks.....108 | Lester.....2
Richardson.....74 | Ott.....2
Fuller.....23

Messrs. Pennington, Underwood, Harrison, Zollikoffer, Lake, Allen, Humphrey Marshall, and Williams, one each.

FORTY-NINTH BALLOT.

Banks.....108 | Richardson.....73
Fuller.....23 | Lester.....1

Messrs. Pennington, Underwood, Harrison, Lake, Millson, Williams, Orr, and Humphrey Marshall, one each.

FIFTIETH BALLOT.

Banks.....105 | Lester.....1
Richardson.....73 | Scattering.....5
Fuller.....23

224 votes. Necessary to a choice, 113.

On motion of Mr. SAGE, the house then adjourned.

FOR RICHARDSON—Messrs. Aiken, Allen, Bayley, Bocock, Bell, Bocock, Burns, Boyce, Branch, Brooks, Bennett of N. Y., Bennett of Miss., Cadwallader, Carothers, Caskie, Clingman, Cobb of Ga., Cobb of Ala., Craige, Crawford, Denver, Dowdell, Edmundson, Elliott, Faulkner, Florence, Fuller of Me., Gruver, Goode, Greenwood, Hall, Harris of Ala., Hickman, Harris of Ill., Herbert, Houston, Jewett, Jones of Tenn., Jones of Penn., Keitt, Kidwell, Kelly, Letcher, Lumpkin, Marshall of Ill., Maxwell, McMullen, McQueen, Miller of Ind., Milson, Oliver of Mo., Orr, Peck, Phelps, Powell, Quitman, Ruffin, Rust, Sandridge, Savage, Seward, Shorter, Smith of Va., Stallworth, Stephens, Taylor, Vail, Walker, Watkins, Wells, Winslow, Wright of Tenn.

FOR MR. BANKS—Messrs. Albright, Allison, Barksdale, Henry Bennett, Benson, Billinghurst, Bingham, Bishop, Bliss, Bradshaw, Brenton, Buffington, Burlingame, Campbell of Pa., Campbell of Ohio, Chaffee, Clawson, Clark of Conn., Colfax, Comins, Condit, Cragin, Curtis, Davis of Mass., Davis of Ind., De Witt, Dick, Dodd, Dixon, Durfee, Emrie, Fenton, Gallaway, Giddings, Gilbert, Granger, Grow, Hall of Mass., Harlan, Holloway, Horton of N. Y., Horton of Ohio, Howard, Hughston, Kelsey, King, Knapp, Knight, Knowlton, Knox, Lawrence, Leach, Mace, Magoffin, Marvin, Meacham, Miller of N. Y., Morgan, Morrill, Mott, Murray, Nichols, Norton, Andrew Oliver, Parker, Pelton, Pennington, Perry, Pettit, Pike, Pringle, Purviance, Pearce, Ritchie, Robbins, Roberts, Robison, Sabin, Sage, Sapp, Sherman, Simmons, Spinner, Stanton, Strausbaugh, Tappan, Thorington, Thurston, Todd, Trafton, Tyson, Wade, Wakeman, Walbridge, Walton, Wheelhouse of Wis., Washburne of Ill., Washburne of Me., Watson, Welch, Wood, Woodruff and Woodworth.

FOR FULLER—Messrs. Ball, Brown, Campbell of Ky., Carlisle, Cox, Cullen, Davis of Md., Edie, Eustis, Foster, Harris of Md., Harrison, Haven, Hoffman, Kennett, Sludley, Marshall of Ky., Millward, Paine, Powell, Purdy, Ready, Ricaud, Rivers, Scott, Smith of Ala., Stead, Swope, Trippe, Underwood, Valk, Whitney, and Zollikoffer.

FOR ZOLLIKOFFER—Lake.
FOR LESTER—Dunn and Moore.
FOR PENNINGTON—Edwards.
FOR UNDERWOOD—Etheridge.
FOR HARRISON—Fuller of Penn.
FOR LAKE—Humphrey Marshall.
FOR BARCLAY—Richardson.
FOR HUMPHREY MARSHALL—Walker.
FOR WILLIAMS—Wheeler.
FOR ORR—Williams.

Health of Mr. Bayley, of Virginia—Nicaraguan Affairs.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Dec. 12.

Mr. BAYLEY, of Virginia, a member of the House of Representatives, is on the eve of starting for Havana for the benefit of his health.

As this Government has sent instructions to Minister WHEELER not to recognize the new Nicaraguan Government, but which could not have been received by him before he did so, PARKER H. PETERSON, it is reasonable to suppose, will not be received as its accredited Minister.

United States Supreme Court.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, Dec. 12.

Cases No. 18 and 21—John C. Wilson *et al.*, use of Ocean Mutual Insurance Company vs. Steamer *Palmetto*, and Henry A. Barlow *et al.*, use of same Company, vs. same. Argument in these cases was concluded by Mr. Nelson for appellants.

No. 14—John Holroyd, Plaintiff in error, vs. Levi Humphrey. Argued by Messrs. Lawrence and Winter Davis for plaintiff, and Messrs. Bradley and Carlisle for defendant.

No. 18—William H. Jones *et al.*, Plaintiff in error, vs. Thomas M. League. Argument commenced by Mr. Hall for plaintiff, and continued by Mr. Hughes for defendant.

From Kansas—Reported Escape of McCrea.

BUFFALO, Wednesday, Dec. 12.

A letter in the St. Louis *Democrat* dated Leavenworth, 1st inst., says that MCCREA had escaped from prison, and informed the Territorial Marshal that he would appear at Tecumseh on the day of trial.

The Lawrence people say that Sheriff JONES never produced any warrant for the arrest of prisoners.

Departure of Missionaries.

BOSTON, Wednesday, Dec. 12.

The following Missionaries sail to-day in the bark *Sultan*, for Malta and Smyrna: Rev. DANIEL BLISS, and wife, of Geneva, Ohio; GEO. A. POLLARD, and wife, of Salem, Mass.; HENRY H. JESSUP, of Montrose, Penn.; TILMAN C. TROWBRIDGE, of Birmingham, Mich.; Miss SARAH E. WEST, of Palmyra, N. Y., and Miss MARY E. TENNEY, of Hartford, Conn. They all go out under the auspices of the American Board for Foreign Missions.

The Funerals of Col. Miller and Azariah H. Simmons.

PHILADELPHIA, Wednesday, Dec. 12.

The funeral of Col. MILLER was followed by a handsome military escort. He was interred at St. Peter's churchyard, on Third and Pine streets.

The remains of Mr. A. H. SIMMONS were interred at Woodland Cemetery, whither they were followed by a large concourse of male friends and relatives.

Disaster to the Brig Cosmopolite.

WOOD'S HOLE, Wednesday, Dec. 12.

The brig *Cosmopolite*, of Boston, from Surinam, with a cargo of sugar, cocoa and molasses, during the gale of Saturday night, struck on Skiff Island Reef, losing her mainmast and rudder, and sustaining some damage to her hull. She also lost her deck load.

Judge Morton's Decision—The Kinney Expedition.

To the Editor of the New-York Daily Times:

The papers of to-day contain a pronunciamento from the U. S. District-Attorney against what is designated as an "invasion of the State of Nicaragua." For fear that such notice might deter parties who contemplate joining the peaceful colonization project of Col. HENRY KINNEY, at San Juan del Norte, from doing so, I desire you to state that the notification can in no wise refer to that enterprise, as it is entirely pacific in character. Those who have announced their determination to join Col. KINNEY are requested not to be deterred from so doing by any idle threats, and those desirous of doing so can, by communicating with me, be placed in full possession of the mode of procedure.

It is proper to add that I am not directly interested in Col. KINNEY's colonization plan, as no inducements could prove sufficient for me to expatriate myself; but I deem his scheme as being legal and proper, and worthy of the countenance and support of his friends. ALEX. C. MORTON.

New-York, Wednesday, Dec. 12, 1855.

Camden and Amboy Railroad Precautions.

From the Trenton State Gazette.

The Camden and Amboy Railroad Company have issued a set of revised rules and regulations, particularly designed to prevent a recurrence of such accidents as took place at Burlington, and generally to insure greater security upon the road. The principal feature of the new regulations is *the prohibition against backing trains*. This is only to be done upon extraordinary emergencies, and then a man with a signal is to be sent in advance, the train going no faster than he can walk, and the conductor is to stand on the rear platform holding a signal, and being in connection with the engine by the signal rope. The time of the trains will be so regulated that they will have no occasion to back, but they will remain on sidings when other trains are expected.

The speed *of trains is limited to thirty miles an hour*, so that the danger of collisions need not be hereafter apprehended, on account of the rules of the Company or the rashness of conductors, as the extraordinary high rates of speed therefore sometimes adopted, for the sake of making up lost time, gaining a Station or a siding, will not hereafter be permitted. The *Stations on the Road are also to be put in telegraphic communication*, and carefully drawn rules have been issued concerning the information which is to be sent concerning the trains.

NEW-YORK CITY.

History of Prize-Fighting in the United States.

The "manly art of self-defence," we are happy to say, has never flourished very extensively in this country. Almost all the "professors" of the pugilistic art have been natives of the British Isles, and whose Americans have been engaged in a prize-fight, it has almost always originated from personal quarrels. The first regular ring-fight which we find recorded was of this kind, and was fought in the year 1816, between two first-class, powerful men, THOMAS BEASLEY and JACOB HYER, the latter the father of the gentleman whose name is well known at present. He did not, however, have the same success as his son, for after several severe wounds, he retired from the contest with a broken arm. Battles continued to take place occasionally after this affair, the principal combatants being JIM SAWYERS, NED HAMMOND, GEORGE KNISELY, ANDY MCLAVE, BILL HARRINGTON, Deaf BURKE, ABE VANDERVEER, and other gentlemen, some professional, some amateur, and all well known to pugilistic fame. In the year 1840, however, Mr. JAMES SULLIVAN, (since better known as Yankee SULLIVAN,) arrived in this country, and although quite a young man, being known as a first-class British fighter, gave a great start to prize-fighting throughout the land. Establishing himself as landlord of a tavern, the "Saw-Dust House," in Division-street, he rested on his laurels and excited the envy of all other gentlemen of his kidney, who at last managed to find an Englishman, VINCENT HAMMOND, to match against him. The fight came off on the 24 of September, 1841, near Philadelphia, for $200 a side, and SULLIVAN was an easy winner in eight rounds, during the time of 10 minutes, leaving Mr. HAMMOND in a very dilapidated condition. This victory, of course, elevated SULLIVAN's friends and so excited Mr. JOHN MCCLUSKYE (*alias* Country McClusky) that on the 8th of September, 1841, (six days after) he visited Mr. THOMAS HYER, then a young man about twenty, 22 years old, and over six feet high, and proposed to him to step across the street to the Park and there have a regular battle. This Mr. HYER wisely declined, but agreed to fight "Country" next morning up the River. Accordingly, early the next day the battle came off near CALDWELL's landing, and resulted in HYER's victory, after a hard fought contest, under a broiling sun, of one hundred and one rounds, lasting during 2 hours and 55 minutes.

This great success, of course, elevated the feelings of SULLIVAN's antagonists considerably, and as HYER refused to fight in the ring again, a man named SMITH was obtained to "take down" the pugnacious "Yankee." They fought on the 23d of January, 1842, for $500 a side, on Staten Island, and SULLIVAN was the victor in sixty-seven rounds, and in one hour and three minutes. Nothing daunted, however, another man was produced, and after several fights between minor celebrities, SULLIVAN and BILL FOLEY fought on the 29th of August, at Hart's Island, for $300 a side, and SULLIVAN was again the victor in thirty-five minutes.

The fighting fever was now at its height, and the pugilistic gentlemen assembled nightly at the "Arena," a sporting-house in Park-row, and "fought their battles o'er again." This was, however, stopped, and fighting received a check throughout the Union by the result of a brutal contest on the 13th of September, 1843, at Hastings, between CHRIS. LILLY and TOM MCCOY, in which the latter, a young man of twenty, dropped insensible in the ring, after 120 rounds, and soon after expired. To show the brutal nature of the fighting gentry, we can do no better than to quote from a report of the day:

"I forced my way through the crowd and took a look at the dying man. God grant that I may never see such a sight again! His eyes were black, his face and neck one bruised, unseemly, bloated mass of incipient corruption—gasping for breath, and choking by the violence of his respiration, his bloated lips far back into his mouth. In the next moment he ceased to breathe, and the word went in a hoarse whisper around that *he was dead!* Never shall I forget the talismanic horror of that expression. The cheeks of old and young, the fledgling villain, and the ruffian accoped in crime, all blanched to ashes, and assuming a look of vague and undefined fear, separated silently, and sought their respective boats. I saw but one man unmoved. He knew, with the rest, that another fight had been promised in the same ring, and, unwilling to lose the sport, exclaimed, as poor MCCOY was borne to the river side, 'Come, carry off your dead, and produce your next man.' I should say that that ruffian is doomed to arrive at great eminence in hell."

Some of the fighters were arrested, others fled, and this part of the country was free from the disgrace of prize fights till near the end of 1846. Down South, however, they flourished, and near Natchez, the same LILLY, the murderer of MCCOY, conquered an English pugilist. On the 7th of May, 1847, ROBERT CAUNT, who had come from England for the purpose of whipping Yankee SULLIVAN, found the tables turned upon him near Harper's Ferry, in a short contest of twelve minutes. The Mexican war, however, excited most of the attention of the pugnacious public about this period, and several fighting men (among them "Country McClusky") enlisted in the army and did good service. One, however, JAMES REEN, though a Lieutenant of a volunteer Company, deserted, and, though recaptured and sentenced to be shot with the traitor RILEY, was allowed to escape.

During April, 1848, SULLIVAN and HYER met one evening in the saloon corner of Broadway and Park-place, and Mr. S. being rather envious of Mr. HYER, and both having drank freely, a scuffle ensued, and before long the "hero of a hundred fights" was stretched senseless on the floor, by the young athlete, and borne from the saloon by his friends. A great excitement ensued, which lasted for near a year, until the conclusion of the great fight between the two. Each of the combatants, during his training, gave two "sparring exhibitions," to crowded houses, including many distinguished gentlemen. Among the names chronicled in the report, we see that of Hon. JOHN M. BOTTS, the candidate of the citizens of Triangle for the Presidency.

At last, after an intense excitement and a narrow escape from the authorities of Baltimore, the two champions fought on the 7th of February, 1849, for a stake of $10,000, at Rock Point, Md., on the eastern shore of Chesapeake Bay, and HYER was the victor after a severe contest of 17 minutes. Large sums of money changed hands throughout the Union, and so great was the excitement, that many very peaceable men did nothing but "talk fight." Both of the men were prosecuted by the authorities, but nothing came of it. HYER is said to have acted very generously to SULLIVAN after his victory, furnishing him with funds to proceed to Havana to recruit. At all events, since that day they have been *fast* friends. HYER opened a public-house and declared his intention of never fighting again, to which resolution he has rigidly adhered.

The discovery of gold in California opened a great field for the rascals, as well as the restless men of the country, and all the pugilists soon flocked there. But it was found that it was not safe to knock down a man who had a pistol about him, and so fire-arms and knives soon took the place of fists. It was here that JOHN MORRISSEY first "distinguished" himself by a fight with THOMPSON, one of HYER's trainers, and in which he came off victorious—by foul means it is charged. On his return to New-York, he fought SULLIVAN, in October, 1853, at Boston Corners, and, after thirty-seven rounds, by some hocus-pocus was declared the victor, although by far the worst off. Hereupon he became landlord of the notorious "Belle Union," in Leonard-street, a resort of the worst characters. His chief aim now was to fight TOM HYER, and in every way, by insults and personal assaults, did he try to arouse the giant's ire. But it was in vain. HYER was true to his resolution, and steadily refused to fight. Another person, however, took up the quarrel, and that was WM. POOLE, till then only known as a butcher and political fighter, having never, we believe, fought a regular ring fight. Quarreling one evening in July, 1854, at the City Hotel, they met next morning on the Amos-street Dock, and before long POOLE had completely vanquished MORRISSEY. The conquest between the parties, however, continued and ended, for the present, at least, in the terrible affray at Stanwix Hall. Of those engaged there, none were regular prize-fighters—they were all either gamblers, "kept men," runners, or of similar occupations.

We have thus given a brief, but authentic, sketch of the history of pugilism in the United States, and hope, sincerely, that it may never have to be continued. But still, we are not sure whether this manner of fighting is not preferable to the frequent use of fire-arms, except that the latter will rid us of a troublesome class more quickly. But again, it is easier to pull a trigger than to be a fighter, and the ranks can therefore more speedily be filled. As has been remarked, it is only a pity that those in the affray of the 24th of February did not follow the example of the cats of Kilkenny, and all kill each other, leaving only their tails behind them.

THE LEGISLATIVE POLICE COMMITTEE

Visit to the Tombs.

The Legislative Police Committee, (Mr. CROSBY being at a meeting of the Canal Board, and Mr. O'KEEFE absent,) assembled at the Hall of the City Library yesterday morning, and after some delay, proceeded to the Tombs, to make a personal inspection of the method of record-keeping.

Justice CONNOLLY was, at the time of their visit, on the Bench. He, with the Property Clerk, Mr. NESBITT, at once produced their books of minutes and accounts, which were examined by the Committee, who ordered the production of such statistics as relate to matters subject to their supervision, to include a table of the number of arrests and commitments under the "Prohibitory Law," with the amount of fines paid at the bar. The various forms and precedents in use were also scrutinized. The Committee then made a tour of the various offices, and were shown the ancient records of crime under the "Court of Aldermen," dating back as far as December 14, 1759, at which time, to all appearance, summary and severe punishments were meted out to evil doers. One commitment, that of a man who, Dec. 12, 1759, stole three eggs, astonished the gentlemen, inasmuch as his reward was found in six months confinement in the City Prison.

The property room and its contents were then examined; the principal articles on hand consisted of 116 boxes cigars, of but questionable quality; three or four piles of books, of an obscene character; a piece of beaver cloth, waiting for a claimant; overshoes, common shawls, rusty guns, discolored colors, and other proceeds of crime not worth mentioning, and in many instances not worth claiming. Burglars' tools and rowdies' weapons were plentiful, and filled up the stock of unclaimed valuables.

The only statistics presented on the occasion were those of the cases sent to the Grand Jury during the year, as follows:

Felonies—January Term, 75; February, 76; March, 70; April, 104; May, 47; June, 58; July, 59; August, 63; September, 91; October, 80; November, 69; December, 41. Total, 810.

Assault and Battery—January term, 60; February, 48; March, 45; April, 51; May, 53; June, 53; July, 60; August, 53; September, 53; October, 55; November, 51; December, 19. Total, 582.

Felonies, 810; assault and battery, 582. Total, 1,392.

They then made the tour of the Prison, and Mr. BAKER had, from personal experience, an opportunity of judging of the means afforded to the prisoners for communicating with their friends. As that gentleman was engaged in conversation outside the gates, being at the time unknown to the Deputy Keeper, a poor woman advanced and applied for permission to see BRIDGET DOWDY, her sister. The Deputy, in a harsh manner, asked her over and over again whom she wanted, and as frequently did the miserable creature reply and tell her tale, begging to be allowed in, but because she could not state in which cell the woman was confined, she was turned away. Mr. BAKER at once ran round the desk and calling attention to the matter, caused a search to be made for the particulars of her case, which could not, however, be found, until he himself undertook the task, when, although it had previously been denied that the woman was locked up, he found the following entry: "BRIDGET DOWDY, cell 112. Justice BANGMAN, disorderly conduct, $500 bail." He then saw that a pass was furnished, and, in no set terms, lectured the keeper on his brutal conduct.

During the stay in prison the "Black Maria" arrived with nineteen prisoners from Jefferson Market Court, thus had the Commissioners an opportunity to see their treatment. Some dissatisfaction was expressed by one or two of the Members at the indiscriminate mixture of qualities of these untried offenders, and many suggestions were made for an improvement in the mode of conveyance which will probably meet with notice in the report.

The accommodations for lodgers and the temporary hospital, the witness room, and more than all, the cell wherein died the four prisoners some three years since, were critically examined, and the Commissioners then adjourned to meet this day and resume their investigations.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS.

Eggs—Perfumes—A Mare's Nest and an Altar.

There was a full attendance on Tuesday afternoon.

The usual requisitions were read and passed. The supplies of eatables were cut down to the proportionate quantity of the standard. The requisitions in some instances was for more than could, in the opinion of the Board, be eaten. A hundred eggs for the Workhouse Hospital was thought too many. Seven hundred and fifty a week is allowed for Bellevue Hospital. "If any one dies," said Governor DUER, "and you deduct one egg, the Doctor will swear you have killed him; better put on the other egg."

Twenty-seven pounds of hay per day was thought too much for a horse that was allowed corn. That requisition was cut down one half. Ten pounds of hay was sufficient. The oats were also ordered to be reduced in quantity.

Some iron bedsteads are stated to be rusting in the possession of the Commissioners of Emigration. The Clerk was directed to apply for them at a reasonable price *on account*. [Laughter.]

Among the medical requisitions, twelve ounces of Prussic acid, and fifty pounds of Seidlitz mixtures, were thought to be mistakes. Among perfumes, a pound of oil of *lucender* is again, after a very few weeks, demanded. The prussic acid was altered from twelve to six ounces, and the fifty pounds of Seidlitz mixture reduced to five. The perfume passed without comment. Twelve dozen of water pails was reduced to four dozen, to be sent to the storekeeper at Blackwell's Island. Five bags of coffee and 1,050 eggs were ordered; the coffee being reduced from *fifteen* bags, demanded, to five. A heavy requisition for horses' feed was struck out—the number of cattle to be stated. Among perfumeries, one ounce "oleum neroli" was passed, and six pounds of sulphuric ether, which appears to be very freely used and often demanded.

The Committee of the Penitentiary offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That a room be appropriated as a hospital for court prisoners, the said room to be constructed at an expense not exceeding $150, and that the communication of Dr. Sanger be referred to that Committee.

Adopted.

A communication on Gas was referred to the Committee on Gas.

Governor SMITH then moved a long resolution directing the Warden of Randall's Island to remove the altar and other religious fixtures from the room over the cook-house, where the religious services of Catholic clergymen are conducted. A letter was read stating that Father Trowbridge officiated last Sunday.

Governor WEST thought his colleague had found a mare's nest, and defended the altar. A general discussion ensued. After 3½ hours' debate the resolution was adopted.

Board of Education.

A communication from the Twelfth Ward, asking for an additional School on Ward's Island, was referred to the Committee on New Schools.

A communication from the School Officers of the Fifth Ward, relative to purchasing an additional lot and erecting a building thereon, was referred to Committee on Sites and School-houses.

The Finance Committee reported in favor of sundry appropriations—For Teachers' Salaries, $60,000; Free Academy, $3,000; $1,000 for Normal School; and $5,000 for Incidental Expenses of Ward Schools.

The Normal School Committee reported in favor of appointing Miss ANNIE BANMAN a teacher in the Normal School.

The Finance Committee reported in favor of a bill of STILLMAN, ALLEN & Co., $647.

Several reports were taken from the table, appropriating $2,100 for new school in Twelfth-street, Fifteenth Ward; also, $4,072 for new school in Twenty-eighth-street, Twentieth Ward; also, an extra appropriation for the new school-house in Thirty-seventh-street, amounting to $3,200.

The Finance Committee reported in favor of purchasing four lots of ground in Christie-street, owned by the Bethesda Baptist Church, for a new school site.

The Turf for 1855.

UNION COURSE, L. I.—Trotting, Wednesday, Dec. 12; match $1,000, mile heats, to wagons. W. Whelen names b. g. *Jack Gallup*.....and B. Pfeiffer names g. m. *Lady Suton*.....paid forfeit.

CENTREVILLE COURSE, L. I.—Trotting—Four-Mile Day and Tuesday.

On Tuesday last upwards of one thousand spectators were on the track to witness the long-standing race, mile heats, best 3 in 5, in harness, for $1,000, between Messrs. Bathing of Philadelphia and Tuesday of New-York. The race for some time past has excited much interest

LETTERS FROM EUROPE.

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London, Friday, Nov. 28, 1856.

To the Editor of the New-York Daily Times:

[illegible] public feeling with respect to the Mediterranean from America, about the affair of the detention of British Diplomacy, by a British man-of-war," had produced in the States. The city, blind to anything beyond their ledgers, and incapable to imagine that there are other considerations therein besides commercial profit, to influence the resolutions of a nation, try to lull down into [illegible] with the argument that a [illegible] collision is on any account at [illegible] with America, inasmuch as England [illegible] a market for American [illegible] in urging that con[illegible] about the issue.

The [illegible] received by the last mail, [illegible] remarks on the subject, [illegible] Hampshire Telegraph, I think [illegible] accounted for the British [illegible] by the allegation that the "American Government had replied to some communication made to them according to England in the highest [illegible] the World has been led to believe that [illegible] must have been a renewal in some shape of the tripartite overture about Cuba, which [illegible] Mr. Marcy seized the occasion for making a little native war-capital for the next Presidency by shouting with a magnificent [illegible] about Cuba.

Upon this, the London Times, consistently with its hitherto pitiful tactics, as yet by all means the [illegible] of the U. S. Government, did not [illegible] with both hands at the Herald, and cried out, "There you have it, it is their fault, not ours," and complimented the Herald on the politeness with which it tempered the "evils and [illegible] of a free Government," and hoped the good sense of the American nation, will not make [illegible] subservient to the greed and selfishness of faction, by fastening a groundless quarrel upon a friendly and powerful State.

Now, I certainly conceit, that it would be an act of indefensible impudence on the part of the States to try to fasten a groundless quarrel on England; but in truth and confidence, I cannot see how in this emergency, any "fastening of whatever quarrel" can be laid at the charge of either the people or the Government of the United States.

So far as we know, it is not Mr. Marcy, but Lord Palmerston, who made a warlike demonstration in this case; and should I be answered in the words of Bonaparte ben Gamat, of Prusia, that, "He is not the aggressor who strikes the first blow, but he who renders the blow necessary," and that it is the U. S. Government which rendered the blow necessary, by having addressed "communications to the British Government, insulting in the highest degree to the dignity of England;" then I can only say, that to the best of my knowledge there is either misapprehension or mistake in the premises.

I can give this at least as a positive fact, that the American Minister in London, on hearing of the orders given for strengthening the West India fleet, declared in the most positive manner, to several of his countrymen, who felt alarmed by the event, that he is perfectly at a loss to account for the fact, inasmuch as in his diplomatic communications with the British Government, not a word has of late occurred, either verbally or in writing, to provoke a quarrel, or cause [illegible] either side—that rather everything [illegible] of the most friendly and amicable character between them. Therefore, so much at least I have reason to infer for certain, that if Mr. Marcy did [illegible] it to mount the horse of quarrelsome [illegible] (which he sometimes likes to do, without [illegible] anything serious by it,) and need [illegible] towards England, it must have been by some [illegible] channel, as in the ordinary course of diplomatic communication nothing of the kind did happen to occur.

Besides, the London Times is subject to frequent oblivion in this matter. In the first case, it did not substantiate the necessity of the maritime [illegible] by an insult received from the American Government; instead, rather, of too presumptuous feeling, it accused them of weakness, [illegible] cowardly timidity. They are, in the opinion of the Times, such daring old women, such good-for-nothing creatures, that the English Government feels obliged to do work for them, and send men-of-war to intercept intended filibustering expeditions on Ireland.

It is but eight days later that the Times, dragging this affair, time out with the charge of insult to the dignity of England. But on what subject had this insult been received? To hear the Times, it is on the recruiting subject. If such were the case, I could well understand the recall of Mr. Crampton, the furnishing of Mr. Buchanan his passports, a diplomatic retrocession, or a declaration of war—very could not understand the logic of receiving the insult by sending three or four armed steamers to the British West India Station. This is absolute nonsense, in my opinion. The more so, as I cannot bring my reason to imagine a possible link of connection between the dispatch of these ships and the recruiting business, inasmuch as those ships can in no imaginable way, either stop the prosecution of the recruiting agents, [illegible] "bellicose spirit of indomitably [illegible] Cushing, (poor Mr. Cushing! what an "Estador" was lying hid in his gallant breast! [illegible] it fly or better the position of Mr. Crampton at Washington—quite the reverse, I should imagine.

And really it is striking that on the one hand the Herald, there on the spot, with a correspondent at Washington, could not come to the idea that the insult was connected with the recruitment, and having to think of something else, imagined that it is "Cuba." On the other hand, look to the London Times, how they are glad to have something to cling to for excuse. So they cling to the explanations of the Herald. But the explanation of the Herald is not the recruiting business, but the "Cuban telegraphs."

I, however, say it is not Cuba—just as it is neither Ireland nor recruitment. I informed you already that the British Government gave the most positive assurance that no agreement of this nature has been made to of late with Spain. In further confirmation, I will mention two facts. Let, the [illegible] statement has been presented by the Spanish Government to the Cortes, without the slightest intimation of any such item; as the participation in the Russian War would needs require it. Yet, if any like stipulation would have been come to, France would needs be a party to its execution, likewise; whereas, it is a fact that the Moniteur has most formally disavowed any intimation on the part of Bonaparte to send troops to Cuba.

No, it is not Cuba, nor the British men-of-war are [illegible], nor to vindicate an insult, but rather to get up a scatter, in which case England is made a [illegible] tool for some foreign design.) [illegible] we may soon hear something about Russian [illegible] Islands, Truxillos, and Greytowns. Lord Palmerston was very bellicose on such matters [illegible] years ago. However, the first explanation appears to me the more probable.

I, nevertheless, shall [illegible] closely to establish this; I have yet [illegible] Cuba is the right. America is [illegible] at [illegible] absolutely not know [illegible] the [illegible] Cuba is not such as they [illegible] from the Government abroad; the [illegible] deliberate [illegible] quently public opinion cannot interfere, neither as a check, if the Government be wrong, nor as a support, if it be right. America, without justification, is in happier circumstances. Their constitutional life, at least, is a [illegible] hours, therefore, the task to supply light in the darkness.

Clouds are gathering on the British horizon from more than one quarter. Some are fraught with danger, others with humiliation—with difficulties all.

I have positive information that Louis Napoleon Bonaparte had determined imperatively to insist on the expulsion of political refugees from England. He is perfectly conscious of the advantages of his position; and knows that the British Government is too much in fear of him, as that they could dare to refuse him anything. I apprehend Lord Palmerston will make a good mien to a bad game, and introduce the Alien Bill to Parliament. The thing is, however, too odious not to require a little stratagem. The excitement about the Pray letter is cleverly revived from time to time. They are, of course, sufficiently dull not to see that the particular case of three French refugees is one thing, and the right of asylum is another thing. Thus it comes to pass, that whenever the Anti-Alien Bill agitation bids fair to rise in importance, the Pray letter is again brought in to stay the current. The Government, however, is afraid of the Parliamentary opposition, mustering first-rate debaters in its ranks, and the question is under serious consideration, whether a dissolution were not advisable, inasmuch as they hope that the awe in which the country stands of Bonaparte will help them to throw out the uncomfortable elements from Parliament. However this be, I have not the slightest doubt that the Government will introduce, and will carry the Alien Bill. I think it due to the sense of personal dignity to remain passive and silent on the subject. Let England do as she likes. No fault ever escaped punishment; this one certainly will not.

In the meanwhile Austria, even Austria, dares to insult England. You will see from the papers the case of Col. Tun—an English officer, on special duty, arrested, stripped of the English uniform and carried off prisoner by the Austrians—not on Austrian but on Turkish territory—in Wallachia; because Tun is a native of Hungary, and, faithful to the duties of a citizen and obedient to the command of his National Government, he had, in 1849, fought in Italy against the aggressor of his own country. Consul Colquhoun, at Bucharest, did protest against the infamous insolence of the Austrian General, (formerly the preceptor of Francis Joseph.) But what does Austria care about a protest in the name of that fear-ridden England, which, for more than two years, sacrificed everything to considerations for her? Ingraham, in the place of Colquhoun, would have placed himself at the head of a patrol of Wallachian militia, and, with the flag of England in his hand, would have challenged Coronini to fire at him, while he threws the protecting folds of the Union Jack over the insulted English uniform. He would have done it—no doubt of it.

I, however, think the British Government will make some genteel remonstrances, and will contrive to release Tun by the promise of an alien bill—equivalent to *our* expulsion. Who would stay under an alien bill, and cowardly submit to conditions which the English Government, bound in allegiance to foreign despots, may choose to dictate for granting, as an arbitrary favor, that which is a right of humanity, sanctioned by the English Constitution?

Count Zamoisky, and nephew of Prince Czartoriski, and Commander of the "Cossack Legion," has succeeded in putting his legion in English pay. England grasps at recruits everywhere, though she is not sufficiently either respected or feared to guarantee the English uniform from being insulted, even by Austria. Zamoisky announced the fact (in a Polish meeting here) to his countrymen, inviting them to enlist. But in answer to a pertinent inquiry, he declared that he could hold out to them no hope that the legion will be made use of in Poland or for Poland. They must look for reward "beyond the grave, as he himself does." A sad prospect; not very inviting to be sure. Misery, bordering on starvation, has persuaded fifteen out of five hundred Poles here to accept his offer. Pay for the officers, as that of France; for the soldiers, as that of Turkey, (about one dollar and a half per month, I think.)

The moral of the strain is, that no Polish campaign is in contemplation. And the moral of this moral is, that whatever boast be made of Cannonger's brilliant reception at Stockholm, I cannot think the alliance of Sweden possible without a Polish campaign.

I have the most positive information that the French and the English are on the worst possible terms in the Crimea. Neither men nor officers cultivate familiar intercourse. The French treat the English with supercilious haughtiness since the Redan affair, just as the English have treated the Turks from the beginning.

The campaign is positively over in the Crimea. Eleven thousand men of the Imperial Guard, with a large number of artillery and *genie*, came home—arrived already at Marseilles. *Twenty thousand men more are expected, and no orders given to replace them.*

Russia has succeeded to make a loan—at Berlin. No foreign loan has ever yet been negotiated at Berlin, as far as I know. Kossuth.

Startling Frequency of Robbery and Murder in Southern Kentucky.

The Glasgow, Ky., correspondent of the Louisville *Courier*, writing on the 7th instant, says:

"On last Friday night another and a highway robbery was committed three miles from this place. It seems that one James R. Dearing came to town, and being suspected of coming to town to collect some money, he was waylaid; taken from his horse; his hands tied (with the hitch-rein of the bridle; himself abused and beaten, and his money taken.

His cries for assistance were responded to by his neighbor Wm. Wheeler, who, with some of his servants, came to the rescue. He was found in a very critical condition—the perpetrators of the atrocious deed having fled. They have not been heard of or seen since.

Mr. Dearing had about his person $1 50, seven of which they succeeded in getting. So much of case No. 1.

An old man in Allen was visited a few nights since by two men requesting to stay all night. They were on foot. The next morning they proffered to pay their bill, but the old man regarding them as poor men, stoutly refused anything. They would not leave, however, without his receiving remuneration for his trouble, and the old man at last consenting to receiving 50 cents, they offered a $10 bill in the way of change. Observing where he went to get the change, they returned after night and robbed everything in darkness, and succeeded in procuring every cent the old man had—some $150. Thus ends case No. 2.

In Allen, last week, an old man was visited by some robbers. Himself and two ladies in the house were tied and $400 stolen.

They remained tied for near 12 hours, when assistance timely came to hand. The old gentleman, I have since heard, gave pursuit, and overtaking and recognizing one of the men, after a few brief interrogations, shot him upon the spot. This closes case No. 3.

Mr. Dearing's grocery was forcibly entered a few evenings since, the house ransacked for the one thing needful, and, failing to get it, "they let loose" some of the whisky-cocks, and the floor was saturated with wines, whiskys, &c.

No. 4.—Last though not least in the catalogue of diabolical acts, must be recorded the daring act of some clandestines to forcibly enter our Post-Office. Mr. James Murrell, the Post-Office clerk, was aroused from his slumbers by their approach, and giving the alarm, forced them, through fear, precipitately to retreat. This, the 5th case, closes the record.

Appointments by the President.

James Dunlop, of the District of Columbia, to be Chief Judge of the Circuit Court of the United States for said District.

William M. Merrick, of the District of Columbia, to be Associate Judge of the Circuit Court of the United States of the said District, in the place of James Dunlop.

John R. Parham to be Surveyor and Inspector of the Revenue for the port of Columbus, in the State of Mississippi, under the authority given in the act approved March 3, 1855.

John R. Parham, Surveyor of the Customs at Columbus, in the State of Mississippi.

Another Murder in Savannah.—About 11 o'clock last night, a difficulty occurred in a house at the lower end of South Broad-street, between Wm. Hooper and Bernard Flannagan, which resulted in the death of the former. It seems that the parties were engaged in a fight at the time, when Flannagan stabbed Hooper under the left shoulder, the knife passing through the lungs and coming out at the left breast. Hooper died about 1 o'clock this morning. Flannagan was arrested and lodged in jail. The deceased was a young man about 24 years of age, and was but recently married.—*Savannah Republican, Dec. 4.*

☞ The following gentlemen recently examined for admission to the bar, were, on Monday, admitted Counsellors for the State:

Samuel Boardman, John Clark, Lew Cosen, Henry De Feyster, [illegible] Dygert, William Farley, Peter Gardiner Adam, Hill, Jr., Walter Jackson, William F. Johnson, Luke A. Lockwood, James T. [illegible], Edward R. Morton, Thos. Nicholas, Washington [illegible], J. Harwood Yeaman, James Ward Smith, George M. Rea.

VERY INTERESTING FROM NICARAGUA.

Present Aspect and Future Prospects of the Republic.

AGRICULTURAL AND MINERAL RESOURCES.

Personal Sketches of General Walker and his Friends.

A VISIT TO THE FIRST BATTLE GROUND.

To the Editor of the New-York Daily Times:

As Central America seems to occupy the attention of the statesmen of the United States and Europe at the present time, and news from there is looked for with interest by the public generally, I beg to intrude upon your columns the following letter:

POSITION OF AFFAIRS.

Nicaragua, after a civil war of thirty-two years, is at length at peace. Its inhabitants, who from their cradle had been taught to expect a cruel death at the hands of the opposing factions when opportunity offered; educated amid the horrors of a cruel and exterminating revolution, and tutored by their sires to show no mercy to the wearer of the red or white badge, as the case might be—even though he were a brother, as too often happened—have, in two short months, by the strong will and almost superhuman efforts of a few brave men, been taught that war and rapine must cease, and that instead of marching again to battle, they must start on the march of civilization and progress. However difficult it may be for those who, since their strength admitted of their carrying a musket, have never done aught else—to turn their attention to the development of the boundless resources of the Eden of the world, nevertheless, under the skillful supervision of American tact and experience, their services will be valuable in the different departments of agriculture and mining; and though it may require years to bring them to that social state necessary to their happiness and prosperity as a people, there is not the slightest doubt that the change, so ably and suddenly commenced, will be lasting and effective. Since the formation of the new Government and the signing of the Treaty by the belligerent parties, everything has gone on smoothly as a marriage-bell. The *haciendas* that for years had been left to ruin and decay, are again inhabited. Husbands and fathers, sons and brothers, have returned to their families, and the stores that for years had been stowed away from the hands of marauders, to moulder and rot, amid the crumbling ruins of bombarded cities, are brought forth and exposed for sale in the different market-places. Life is again held valuable, and infringements of the laws of the State punished as they deserve. Peace reigns throughout the land; the barricades and fortifications are torn down; the guns spiked, and now, instead yoking oxen to drag the loud-mouthed messengers of destruction and death to the battle-ground, their carriages are used for the conveyance of produce and merchandise through the country. The Ministry has been selected with the greatest care, and with a view to the satisfaction of all. Its head, President Rivas, has always been looked upon by both parties as well qualified to discharge the duties of that office to their satisfaction, and his appointment, according to treaty, has resulted in establishing the confidence so anxiously wished for by the originators of the happy change. Among the most important movements of the Government is the formation of a Rate of Tariff and a Bonded Warehouse, from the department of Col. French, as Minister of Hacienda; the rates are 20 per cent. *ad valorem* on all goods entered, with the exception of scientific and farming implements, agricultural stock, seeds, &c. They have also created a Colonization Office. The decree offers to each single settler two hundred and fifty acres of land, and to married settlers three hundred and fifty, with every facility to their permanent settlement. Does not this speak voluminous of the intention of the present Government of Nicaragua to raise Central America to a proud position among the Nations of the earth? And in advance of this, it may be well to state, that the Governments of Honduras and San Salvador have made overtures to the Government of Nicaragua, desiring that the three States be joined together in a Republican Confederation, Nicaragua taking the lead, and giving General Walker, as Commander-in-Chief of the Union, the moneys and munitions of the different States for the furtherance of the cause of Republicanism and civilization.

RESOURCES OF NICARAGUA.

Nicaragua, great in its geographical position as the medium through which must pass the treasures of the Indies and the manufactures of Europe and the United States, to supply the increasing demand of Asia, possesses all the requirements necessary to fit her for so great a commercial nucleus. Famed for the fertility of its soil, the balmy purity of its air, and supplied with every luxury necessary for the table, its scenery varied and beautiful, Nature has shed on it its choicest gifts.

Nicaragua has a territory of 60,000 square miles—equal to five-sevenths of the Eastern division of the United States. Its agricultural resources are unsurpassed by any country in the world—its soil will produce three crops per annum—and there is no vegetable or fruit that will not find a congenial soil for its culture. Tobacco, wheat, coffee, corn, cotton, indigo, cocoa, sugar, rice, beans, &c.; and the finest tropical fruits adorn its hill-sides and plains, and grow in wild luxuriance throughout the length and breadth of the land. The country is studded with beautiful lakes and rivulets, giving every facility for irrigation, if necessary. Its grasses are more nutritious than any other on the face of the earth, and game roams in abundance throughout its shady forests of Brazil and orange trees. Its waters abound with the finny creation—and the mossy banks are carpeted with the most beautiful wild flowers.

THE MINES OF NICARAGUA.

Its mineral resources are unbounded. Gold, silver, copper, iron, coal, saltpetre, sulphur, and coppers, run in rich veins through its lofty mountain ranges; and only require the energy and capital of men of talent and experience to lay open to the light the enormous treasures of its valleys and hill-tops. At the distance of about two and a half leagues from Ocotal, on the main road to Jalapa, are the ravines of Chachagua, numbering about fifteen, which some sixty years ago had been worked by the natives, and proved to be very rich, they, at that time, using nothing but a wooden dish for washing, making two and three ounces a day each. On the same road, four leagues from Ocotal, are the ravines of Sabamapi, yielding gold in large quantities, of a superior quality. In the valley of Arrayan are very rich gold washings. The ravines of Lernes have also proved very fine. Limow, sixteen leagues from Ocotal, is celebrated for its rich silver, iron, and copper mines. The mines of Macuelizisto, Sta Albino, Tirado, Quitabie, Chaguite, Pesillos, Quebrachas, Javonera, and a hundred others, abound with gold and silver. In the Valley of Arrayan, alone, are twenty-one gold-bearing streams and ten placers. The extent of the quartz mines of Nicaragua have never yet been ascertained. From Point Balls, running an easterly course 170 leagues, and from said Point running south and southeast fifty leagues, as far as Segovia, and from thence running a course to the source of the River San Juan in the Lake of Granada, 70 leagues, and ranging through to Costa Rica and Chontales, are mountain ranges said to possess, in every direction, gold-bearing quartz. The District of Chontales has been better explored than any other portion of the mining region, and several companies are now preparing to open their different leads in that District, among whom are Mr. H. T. Clay, lately arrived in Nicaragua from New-York. Don Francis Fagoan, Minister of Public Credit of the Government of Nicaragua, possesses mines known by the name of "Dulce Nombre," in Tigre Mountain; and "Gasmateo," in the same vicinity; and in the Haciendas of San Eusebius; and Hato Grande, and San Juan, in Juigupha; all in the District of Chontales. These mines have been thoroughly explored, and proved to be very rich.—Don Francis Fagoan, having extracted six thousand dollars, in two days, from the Hacienda of San Eusebius, without assistance or the application of machinery of any kind.

PROGRESS OF THE COUNTRY.

The progress of civilization, commerce, good feeling and peace, is unprecedented in the history of the world. Since the signing of the treaty of peace and the meeting of the opposing armies in the Plaza of Granada, not a single remonstrance has occurred between these contending parties who had believed that to meet each other on amicable terms was to sell their birthright and to brand themselves with cowardice among their party. Now, mingling together, all wearing the olive branch of peace as a badge, they march to the altar of God, and unitedly lift up their prayers to the throne of Heaven, praying for a continuance of the blessings poured on their benighted and war-devastated land. Previous to the entrance of Gen. Walker and his gallant band into Granada, the sons of the populace were continually assailed from the pulpits and camping grounds, with tales and prophecies of the depredations and enormities to be committed by them should they ever be allowed to enter their city. Their houses were to have been torn and burned down, their churches despoiled of their altars and relics, their women offered up to the brutality of a *pleasical* mob, and life not at nought amid the ruin and devastation they were to have perpetrated. But a happy disappointment awaited the Granadenos. Walker's battalion, after the taking of the city, gave its undivided attention to the protection of the lives and property of the populace, and—unprecedented in the annals of warfare—not a single instance of unnecessary violence or outrage occurred after the capture. Everything beneficial to the country seems to be progressing; the ox goad replaces the bayonet, and the sickle the sabre. You can now travel through the country without meeting bands of marauding soldiers or guerrillas, and in every direction you may witness signs of improvement, either on the part of the Government or the native cultivators. Soldiers have been disbanded and sent out in all quarters to improve and make good the roads that had not been traveled on for years, and the barges and schooners that had been lying withering on the beaches, are again plying the beauteous lakes, furnishing produce from the different islands that besprinkle the waters of Nicaragua, to the market towns and points of consumption and traffic.

PERSONAL SKETCH OF GENERAL WALKER.

Gen. Wm. Walker, after experiencing many disappointments, and suffering more hardships in South California than would have deterred any other man from venturing on such another expedition, sailed for Nicaragua, where he had been invited by a party long struggling for liberty, in the brig *Vesta*, on the 4th of May, having but sixty-two men under his command. He arrived in Realejo in June, himself and men in an almost destitute state, and from that time till his capture of Granada, his campaign was one of hard trials and disappointments. At some future day, when the historian will record the deeds of Walker and his little band in Nicaragua, the world will be astounded at the energy, heroism and generalship displayed throughout his whole course of action. His kindness to his men was only equaled by his stern sense of justice. He endeared himself to them by his courage and kindness, and none dare do what he would not. General Walker has reaped the reward of merit; he has created for himself a position that the most ambitious might aspire to; he is loved and revered by all, and in him do the Nicaraguans place their hope and confidence. Well may he be compared with Lafayette, and as long as Nicaragua contains an inhabitant on its shores, so long will the name of Walker be engraven on his memory by his ancestors as the savior of his country.

SKETCH OF COL. P. H. FRENCH.

At the time of the formation of the present Government the Treasury was found to have been entirely drained by the former party for the support of their troops and carrying on the war. To remedy this evil, and make immediate provision for present use, it fell to the lot of Col. Parker H. French, as Minister of Hacienda and Commissary of War. The public generally, though all being well acquainted with the indomitable perseverance and financial ability of the Colonel, did not believe that he could so promptly and efficiently produce the aid that was required to bring the Government through the difficulties in which it was involved. But, as if he possessed the magic wand, or the Cave of Sesame, his assistance was immediate, and the Treasury supplied with the requisite funds forty-eight hours after his installment in office. The arduous duties of his position—Minister of Hacienda—controlling the internal affairs of the whole State—brought on a serious illness, which threatened the Colonel's life, and by the advice of his physicians he resigned his office to the Government. On the evening of his resignation, which occurred on the 23d of November, he was waited upon by the Cabinet Ministers, who tendered to him the appointment of Minister Plenipotentiary to the United States, with extraordinary powers, which, at their earnest solicitation, he accepted, there being matters of great moment pending between the two Governments, and which he alone was thought competent to arrange. Col. French is now in this city *en route* to Washington. He carries with him some beautiful specimens of gold-bearing quartz from the districts of Chontales and Segovia, and some placer gold from Sta. Albino. He has also samples of native tobacco, coffee, &c.

THE U. S. MINISTER AT GRANADA.

The course of conduct adopted by Col. Wheeler, Minister of the United States at Granada, will no doubt, as it should, meet with the entire sanction and approval of his Government. Up to the time of the signing of the Treaty, he had never interfered with either party, but on the establishing of the present Government, founded, as it is, on as firm and liberal a basis, he came forward, and in the name of the United States of America, acknowledged the then existing Government of Nicaragua as *bona fide*. [The speech of Colonel Wheeler, on this occasion, and the reply of President Rivas, have already been published in the Daily Times.]

HEALTHY CLIMATE.

The climate of Nicaragua cannot be excelled. There is little or no use for doctors. Since the arrival of Walker's battalion in Nicaragua, but one man has died from natural causes. Three months in the year we have slight rains—October, November and December; and this is the only season in which sickness exists; the principal being *calepthura*, or dry fever, which never proves fatal.

IMMIGRATION AND RECRUITS.

Immigration is rapidly on the increase. There are now in Granada three hundred Americans, and, if I may judge from the advantages offered by the Colonization Decree, the influx of population will exceed that of California in its palmiest days. The Government intends increasing the standing army of Nicaragua to 2,500 men, each of whom will receive twenty-five dollars per month, rations, clothing and five hundred acres of land.

VISIT TO RIVAS—THE BATTLE GROUND.

I left Granada on the evening of the 28th of November, on one of the lake schooners, in company with Col. French, Capt. Williamson, Col. Fisher, Hon. George H. Campbell, Mr. Van Dyke, Mr. H. T. Clay, and others, and arrived in Virgin Bay the following evening. On the following morning, the 30th, we started for Rivas, passing through the village of St. George, which contains about 4,000 inhabitants, and a very large church on the Plaza. The church contains eight altars, beautifully carved, and the village, as far as tasteful arrangement is concerned, surpasses anything I have seen in Nicaragua. Two miles from St. George, inland, is Rivas—Rivas the ever-to-be-remembered first battle-ground of Walker and his brave men, as it was the great and first battle-ground of the original conqueror of Nicaragua, Gil Gonzales de Avila, in 1522. Rivas has been, originally, an extensive city, and at one time the most influential in Nicaragua. The department of Rivas, in the memory of some of its inhabitants now living, has paid seventy thousand dollars per annum church taxes, and the present year they were sold to the highest bidder at seven thousand dollars, the church claiming one-tenth of the produce raised, and selling its claim to the highest bidder for cash, leaving the purchaser to collect its share. In the plaza they have been building a church for the past fourteen years, which, when finished, will equal that of Leon; it is 220 feet by 120; its walls being four feet thick. We visited the battle ground, and examined, minutely, the scene of action. Everything about the locality indicated a terrible struggle. In one house were penned up sixty brave men, opposed to an attacking force of eight hundred. Of those eight hundred, in six hours' siege, one hundred and twelve bit the dust. Every window, door and crevice was pierced with bullets, and we tired counting the number fired into one room, in which were General Walker and a few of his men. When they retreated they left behind them their dead and wounded, whom they were unable to carry through the murderous fire that opposed their retreat. Those that were still living were immediately slaughtered by the enemy, and, with their comrades in death, were laid upon the fire and burned (as they intended) as a warning to others. But their burning bodies ascended as incense to the God of Liberty, and from that moment the fame of the Legitimist Party had set in Central America, and Walker's progress was one of triumph and victory.

GATHERING THE BONES OF MURDERED COMPANIONS.

We gathered together the charred and crumbling bones of the departed heroes, which were left for safe keeping by Col. Fisher with the French Company, till a fitting opportunity offers to bury them with the solemnity, and raise a monument to their memory on the spot of their sacrifice.

RIDING OVER THE VOLCANO.

It has been currently reported throughout the United States, that Walker proposes invasion, and others who have not taken the trouble to investigate the matter, that Gen. Walker was connected with Mr. Kinney, and that they were conspiring together for the same end. Now this is not so. Gen. Walker never saw Mr. Kinney, nor did he ever correspond with him, and their objects have been widely different. Gen. Walker went to Nicaragua as an emancipator and public benefactor. Mr. Kinney went as a speculator and jobber. As to the latter party, his race is about run. He sent up to Granada, hoping to curry favor, his colonizing subjects to serve under Gen. Walker, but the General positively refused their services as a body coming from such a source, and they were accordingly disbanded; and Mr. Kinney is now on his ears, no more a Governor, and not knowing in which direction to steer to escape the wreck he has so foolishly brought upon his shoulders.

While I remain in New-York, any information the Times or the public may require, regarding the resources of Nicaragua, I will be happy to furnish, as far as my knowledge extends.

I have the honor to be your obedient servant,

New-York, Dec. 11, 1856. JOSEPH E. MALE.

THE VOLCANOES IN THE SANDWICH ISLANDS.

Account of a Visit to the Volcano of Kilauea.

Correspondence of the New-York Daily Times.

Honolulu, S. I., Wednesday, Sept. 24, 1856.

I send you the following account of an excursion to the great Volcano of Kilauea which you are at liberty to publish, if you think it would be sufficiently interesting to the readers of your valuable journal.

The mountain of Mauna Loa, on the Island of Hawaii, is 14,000 feet in height. On the side of this mountain, 4,000 feet above its base, is the Volcano of Kilauea. The vast quantities of lava, ejected from it for centuries past, have formed a broad plateau, which extends, with a slight declination, for twenty miles towards the sea, so that the approach to the volcano is over a very gradually ascending grade—indeed, in the immediate vicinity of the crater, there is scarcely any ascent at all, and one finds himself upon its very brink with little or no warning of its proximity.

We left Honolulu on the evening of Sept. 4, in the steamer Kalama, chartered for the excursion, and after touching at sundry places on the Islands of Maui and Hawaii, we finally arrived and disembarked at Hilo—called, on some maps, Byron's Bay—on the 7th, at noon. The appearance of the landscape, for twenty miles before we came to Hilo, was very picturesque. The shore is a bold ledge of rocks more than a hundred feet in height, over whose sides come rushing a great many small streams, forming cascades, some of which are very beautiful. The land slopes gradually upward from the shore for many miles, and is covered with trees and shrubs, with here and there a plantation of sugar cane, and a cluster of grass houses, presenting altogether, a most luxurious appearance, when viewed from the deck of a steamer.

We left Hilo on the morning of Sept. 8,—our party consisting of eleven gentlemen, among whom were Mr. Greene, United States Commissioner, and Rev. S. C. Damon, and we were attended by fifteen servants who carried our provisions, extra clothing, etc., etc. Our cavalcade presented a most bizarre appearance, dressed as we were, in red and blue shirts, instead of coats, and leggins, and sombreros, of all shapes and colors,—some mounted on horses, not too gentle,—some on donkeys just the reverse, and surrounded by about fifty natives, running hither and thither, tightening a girth, or mending a strap, and all jabbering their Kanaka, or shouting with laughter.

Our journey was over a rough and scraggy road, and at 4 o'clock in the afternoon we were glad to come upon the so-called half-way house, having accomplished eighteen miles, and made ourselves and horses quite tired. This house, which is built of grass, is simply one large room with a fire-place in the centre; the roof being high and thatched with straw, the smoke from the fire easily found egress, and gave us no trouble. Being amply provisioned we had a dinner prepared at 8 o'clock—we keep fashionable hours—that would have done credit to your best restaurants.

Our table was a large, new mat, spread upon the ground, and we ate reclining in true old Eastern style. The house was well supplied with mats, which we used for chairs, tables and beds.

The next day being Sunday, we remained at our encampment—(traveling on the Sabbath is strictly forbidden here)—and in the morning listened to a very good discourse from Rev. S. C. Damon, who is chaplain of the Seamen's Bethel at Honolulu, and it seemed quite homelike when we all joined in singing "Old Hundred." In the evening the servants had a service in their own language, and seemed very devout. Early on Monday morning we were astir, and after four hours' riding, found ourselves suddenly upon the edge of the "old crater," as it is called, which is fifteen miles in circumference. Clambering down the side about a thousand feet, we came to a vast sea of black lava which had cooled and hardened in the form of waves and hillocks and peaks, with here and there a yawning fissure, over which we could scarcely leap, and from which rose gas and smoke, which were almost stifling. When we had advanced in this way about three miles, the scene became truly appalling, for we were surrounded by clouds of smoke and steam, emitted by the seams around and beneath our feet, and we could scarcely breathe some of the time. At length, after toiling a long distance, in this way, we came to the part of the volcano, now in a state of eruption, and found ourselves standing upon the edge of a burning lake, a mile in circumference, and filled with molten lava. This glowing lake of liquid fire was boiling and rolling, heaving and surging, roaring and hissing in never-ceasing commotion—now spouting up a huge column of lava—now belching forth clouds of smoke and sulphurous gas. Indeed, it was a scene that passes all description, and might well terrify the stoutest heart. Surely here is "a lake that burneth with fire and brimstone." There is a curious phenomenon noticeable here, which, if I mistake not, occurs at no other volcano. Small jets of lava are thrown up with great force, and then blown by a strong wind, into the finest threads, which sail away to the edges of the crater, and collect in considerable quantities, upon the sides of the surrounding rocks. This vitreous floss very nearly resembles tow in appearance, and is as soft to the touch. It is called Pali's hair—Pali being the goddess, which, according to native mythology, dwells in this volcano—and here I will relate a little of the legendary lore which obtains in this part of the world. The Goddess Pali, the reigning deity of this Island, was married, long time ago, but finding afterward, that she was not supremely happy—doubtless owing to some little family jars—she became *hoohee*, or angry, and separated from her husband, giving him the mountain of Mauna Kea, for his dwelling place, and reserving Mauna Loa for her own. She agreed that the lava from her volcano should never overflow Mauna Kea—which it is little likely to do, Mauna Kea being 15,000 feet high. Whenever the volcano is in an active state, the natives say, Pali is *hoohee roa*, (very angry,) and in the olden time it was their custom to offer sacrifices to appease her wrath. Even now, the oldest of them sometimes practice this rite. A few days before our arrival, a very aged native, of venerable appearance, with hair as white as snow, came from a distant part of the Island, to perform this sacrifice, and for the purpose, brought a pig, cooked whole. With much difficulty and danger—his limbs scarce able to support him—he reached the edge of the burning crater, and kneeling down, with his face toward the glowing caldron, and his long silvery locks streaming in the wind—amid the smoke and stifling vapor, while the roaring and rumbling from beneath seemed to add an unearthly solemnity to the scene, he offered up his earnest prayer to his mighty and terrible deity, and then cast his oblation into the fiery lake below.

As I listened to the recital of this occurrence, detailed by one of the natives, (while we were sitting around our camp fire,) with all the eloquence which they possess in such large measure, I was thrilled with interest, and to my imagination no scene could be presented which would afford better materials for a painter for a grand and interesting picture. The sincerity of that old man—into whose darkened mind scarce a shadow of a ray of light and truth had ever penetrated, who had thus braved his perilous way into that place so fraught with danger, and bowed himself to worship, even in the very presence of that enraged and awful Deity, whose wrathful mutterings inside the mountain to tremble and quake, and whose breath was a flame of fire—would put to shame the devotion of many an enlightened Christian in your most favored land. After leaving this burning lake, we went to a small cone which we saw in the distance belching out smoke and steam, and when [illegible] down into it, we [illegible] fifty feet below us was a river of lava running with great velocity, while the place on which we were standing was intensely hot, and started nearly to crumble off into the fiery abyss below.

Our next visit was to a large crater, very difficult of access, and having attained the brink, we beheld a sight that might cause the boldest to tremble. A vast river of lava was rushing in a mighty, angry torrent, over some obstruction, so that there was, or seemed to be, a fall of several feet, causing the ground to tremble beneath our feet, and filling our ears with a great roaring, rumbling sound, such as we had never before heard. This place—like ten thousand furnaces, hotter and fierce than Nebuchadnezzar's, burning below us—seemed, indeed, "L'Inferno," and had his Satanic Majesty, then and there, surrounded by his myriad host of friends, been holding high revel, he could scarcely have produced such a combination of strange and diabolical sounds. Our position being one of imminent danger, we were not indisposed to hasten our departure. We spent the night in a hut on the edge of the old crater, but we were not disposed to sleep much—the sight we beheld after night shut in was too intensely attractive. The effect of the glare of light, flashing continually from twenty different places upon the thick darkness around, accompanied by the continued groaning and sighing of the laboring mountain, was, if possible, more unearthly and fascinating than that produced upon us in the day time.

The next morning we turned our faces homeward, and, descending slowly, passed that night at the half-way house, and the following day reached Hilo, and embarked for Honolulu, where we arrived without casualty or incident worthy of notice, on the morning of the 15th, and feeling well repaid for the time and trouble we had taken to visit the great Volcano of Kilauea.

LOUIS.

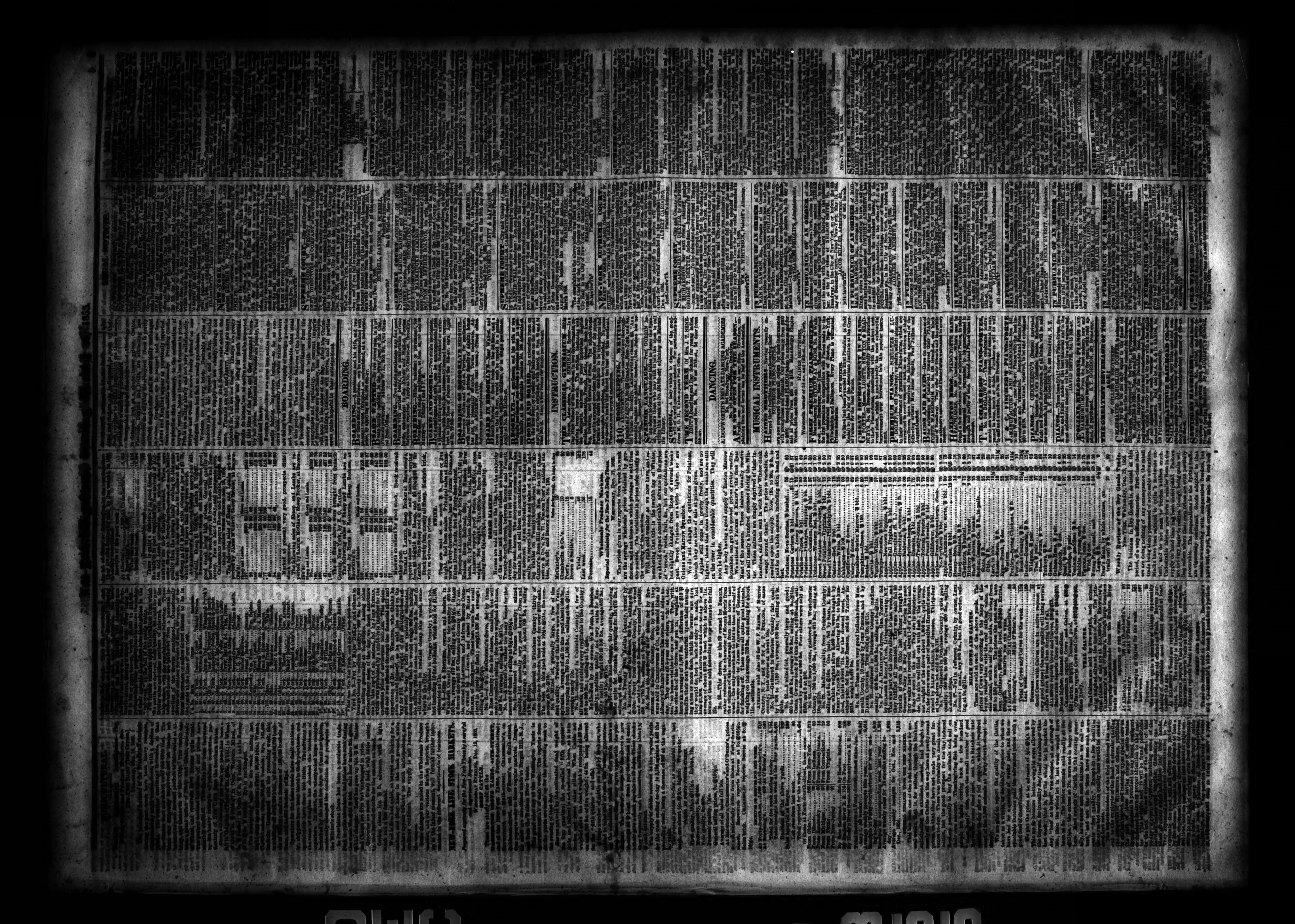
NEW-YORK CITY.

Personal Taxes—An Ingenious Dodge to Raise the Wind.

The Committee on Finance of the Board of Aldermen held a second session on Tuesday afternoon, at the Tax Commissioners' Office, to hear statements of parties why taxes severally assessed on their personal property should not be paid. Alderman Kinnick (Chairman) and Chrispin were present, as also Messrs. Allen and Purser, Tax Commissioners.

The number in attendance desiring remission of their taxes, comprised, as on the previous occasion, a formidable retinue, and were made up of equally heterogeneous materials—the "foreign element" continuing to enjoy a glorious ascendancy. Some twenty-five cases were heard by the Committee. In only a few, however, the Committee announced their decision. Those announced, for the most part, were favorable, and referred to cases wherein the statements submitted left no question of the justness of release from taxation as claimed. A few cases, from some informality in the mode of their presentation, were directed to lay over. Two cases—that of the Australian Steamship Company, and the tax for 1854 upon the store of W. T. Jamieson & Co., in Broadway, which was burned down during the year, and no deduction made in the assessment—being judged by the Committee to demand more extended examination and investigation, were deferred.

In some of the remaining cases, there was developed a most palpable and ingenious mode of raising the wind by certain parties having charge of the collection of arrears of taxes. Said collectors of arrears had caused notices to be served upon their property for personal taxes due the Corporation, and that the lien must be satisfied immediately, or the officers would take possession of sufficient of their household goods to satisfy it. To the notice, which was in the form of a printed circular, there was appended a written postscript declaring the necessity of giving attention to the subject directly. Upon appearing at the office of the collector of arrears of taxes, they were at once shown a blank petition and blank affidavit attached,



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☞ The House of Representatives adjourned yesterday, after the fifteenth ballot for Speaker, Banks having but 105 and Fuller 58 votes. Banks has probably received his highest vote, and the tide seems to have turned in favor of Fuller. Our private advices from Washington afford us no means of indicating the result of the contest, though it is the opinion of Fuller's friends, should Banks fail of an election, that the choice will finally rest upon him.

In the Senate the Standing Committees were chosen.

Decrease of Immigration.

It is contended, by persons familiar with the rate of immigration, that if the average be no greater the next six months than the past, there will be a falling off in 1856 of some 150,000 or 200,000 in the number of foreigners arriving on our shores. This is a weighty fact, and deserves careful consideration from those who, in business or morals, are speculating on the future of our country. Probably 80,000 of those who stay at home are Germans; the rest of the deficit is made up almost entirely of Irish. If each of these immigrants had consumed or spent $4 in New-York as he passed through, it will make a difference next year to the City of some $700,000 in income. If each had possessed in ready money the average which the returns from Castle Garden show at present—namely, about $60—it would diminish the import of specie into the country by about *thirteen and a half millions of dollars*; money which is not even an exchange, but is so much clear addition of wealth. Then all these people consume our products; they rent our houses, they wear our cloths, they eat our corn, and wheat, and rye; our beef, and mutton, and fish; they buy our timber and brick, and iron and [illegible]; they rend our books and papers and newspapers. Setting down the average cost of living at $2 a week to each man, and woman, and child—which would be a low estimate—and supposing that they, at least, earn all they consume by their labor, we have a loss next year to the producers of the country—to the farmers, the grocers, the builders, the clothiers, the house-owners, the brick-makers and coal-miners, the editors and booksellers, of seventeen millions of dollars. If these estimates be correct, we have a direct loss next year to the country, in this decrease of immigration, of over *thirty millions of dollars*.

We cannot easily appreciate this loss until we see some corresponding destruction of value or war more apparent wealth. People do not readily see loss and gain on a great scale. It has taken centuries to make the mass understand that a farthing or a penny duty on a pound of some foreign article imported, is an actual loss to their own pockets.

Texas was thought a valuable acquisition, by many, in its rich farms, though we paid a round price for it; yet the value of all the farms in Texas, and Arkansas besides, is no greater than the value lost by this year's decrease of immigration. New-York and Pennsylvania boast themselves of rich crops of wheat, but the whole worth of their crops, if no greater than in 1850, would be two millions short of the worth to us of these immigrants who stay at home for a single year. It would seem a fearful blow to the country if, by war or fire, or any calamity, our whole exported manufactures, all those to obtain which we have been paying duties so long, should suddenly be utterly destroyed; yet the loss would be four millions of dollars less, taking the value in 1854, than the loss this year, from impeded immigration. The quick destruction of all the flour and corn, and the products of agriculture, which we usually export, which being wealth to so many thousands, would be but a little greater than the destruction, this year, of value imported by the immigrants. If one-third of the cotton crop of last year had been lost, what lamentations would have echoed from one end of the Union to the other! how many would have been bankrupt! how many would have felt poorer! Or, if the whole Indian corn crop, last year, of New-England, New-York, New-Jersey, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, and the District of Columbia, had perished, what a Jeremiad of mourning would have arisen! To appoint a new Fast would have been the least which our Governors could have done. Yet the loss of these supposed losses is no greater, and the loss is less, than what we shall silently bear, this year, from decreased immigration. Will not some good Know-Nothing Governor institute a Fast?

The country will feel the deep injury done to its prosperity by this diminution of immigration even if it does not see its source. Every man who owns tenement houses, the ship builder, the ship-owner, the cheap grocer, the butcher, the railway companies, the thousands who own stock in them will feel it. The householder will pay higher rent for his carpenter, his plumber, his painter; the house-mistress must offer a time give more for her cook or her laundress. The farmer must offer higher wages to his men, and get a higher price on his cattle, his milk, his potatoes and wheat. Less new land will be broken, and those who have invested in Western lots must be disappointed in their plans. Business at the great depôts of commerce in the West will be less active, because there are fewer hands to help it. Not so many railroads, or canals, or steamboats, or finishings will be built, because there is less travel over them, and less labor at hand to build them. The cost of new cities, of schools, churches, stores and dwelling-houses, will be greatly increased, because there are fewer workmen at higher rates. Each professional man must, after a time, feel this; the client can pay less; the church-goer less; the patient less. High wages to laboring men are not, in themselves, necessarily an advantage; they depend on their relation to the value of food, and clothing, and means of living. With fewer hands to labor in this country, every article of living would be more expensive, while the impeding and stoppage of business would not be compensated by the higher rates to the workingman. The well-being of each class in a country like this, depends on the well-being of every other. If the workman gets $4 a day, who before got $2, he gains nothing if his bread and clothing cost double; and he loses, if there are just half the means for business enterprises which were before. There will be less work for him; and all that he uses will cost more.

Under this falling off of immigration, will cease something of that almost incredible spring of enterprise and prosperity which has thus far characterized our communities. It will thus be seen that this wonderful progress was not a mysterious blessing conferred by an unexplainable Providence, nor altogether the fruit of the old Scandinavian and Saxon blood. It will be found not altogether due to our rich virgin soil, or our wide Territory, or our deep rivers; nor entirely to our Puritan industry, or our Republican Government, or our isolated position. We shall see then, perhaps too late, or perhaps after a deep depression of every branch of industry and commerce, that these squalid, imbruted Irishmen, landing in tatters or homespun; these foreign, gutteral, garlicky Germans, with their nut-brown faces and broad shoulders; these conceited Englishmen and hairy Frenchmen, and out o'elbows Scotchmen, and sharp-eyed Welchmen, and rag-picking Italians, all had some part, and no small part, in building up this grand structure of our prosperity. We shall feel then—and that at no distant time—that we depend on them, as well as they on us; that their hard-earned florins and sovereigns, their tough hands and brawny muscles, even their very patience of drudgery and disagreeable work, are all rich importations to our national wealth.

We shall then see in every dirty ship-load poured forth upon our docks, not so many intruders, or idlers, or beggars, or dependents, but so much invaluable addition to the riches of the country. And perhaps then, also, as we have missed the ready ingenuity, the cheerful toil, the natural taste, the social happiness of these foreign artisans—as we have seen that our country was becoming less a blessing to humanity, depressed and degraded, than to the Anglo-Saxon races, we may be ready to welcome the poor foreign laborer with a more humane and a broader charity, feeling that both were placed by Providence to be of good to each other.

If this result finally comes of our diminished immigration, then we shall not so much regret it.

America and Europe.

KOSSUTH, in the letter which we publish this morning, represents the British public as awaiting, with a good deal of anxiety, news of the reception in the United State, of the hostile demonstrations of the London *Times*. We apprehend that, by this time, they are rather ashamed of their anxiety. They must have supposed the people of this country to be a good deal more easily alarmed than they really are. From the very beginning, the fulminations of the *Times* were received here with derision. Everybody saw at once that the editor of that journal had been badly sold, in the matter of the Irish invasion:—and this conviction deprived its representations on other points of the slightest influence.

It is easy to see from the letters of KOSSUTH, and still more clearly from the address to the Republicans of the United States, signed by KOSSUTH, MAZZINI and LEDRU ROLLIN, and published in the TIMES last week, that the Republicans of Europe hoped that these demonstrations were the precursors of war between England and this country. So eager are they for the active participation of the United States in the affairs of Europe, that they would rejoice at any event which should render it probable. This sentiment will scarcely be shared in this country, even by those who look with most sympathy and favor upon Republicanism in Europe. No event fraught with more ill to the best interests of humanity could possibly occur, than a war between England and the United States;—and the conviction of this fact pervades the popular heart in both countries.

The true position of the United States, in the present crisis of European affairs, is neutrality and peace:—and we are sincerely rejoiced that both are likely to be preserved.

The Baker Trial.

Yesterday, Mr. WHITING summed up this case on the evidence, and Judge ROOSEVELT charged the Jury. The Jury retired for consultation early in the evening, and, up to 2 o'clock this morning, had not returned a verdict.

☞ The BAKER trial has at last come to an end, and the public mind will be no longer engrossed by the details of the semi-savage state of society which exists in the very heart of our proud City, under the shadow of our Churches, Bible Houses and halls of learning, and whose mysteries and crimes have been so fully revealed during this protracted prosecution. But the Legislative Police Investigating Committee still continues in session, and the developments daily made before it serve to feed the morbid appetite of the public for such revelations. The prolonged contest for the Speakership in Congress continues, and speculations as to the result still furnish political gossip with a fruitful source of discussion.

Sections of Granite Pavement.

If a vertical section of Broadway were shown it would exhibit something like the following: In the middle of the diagram an elliptical arch for the sewer would be noted; against which, on either side, would abut arched, constituting the vaults of stores and dwellings, and leaving of the original earthen road bed nothing but the angles between, and a thin stratum above the sides of the ellipse. Circles denoting sections of gas and water pipes, and a net work of lines to indicate the connections of the gas, water and sewerage with the several houses, would occupy the two angles; and over all would stretch the several layers founding and composing the Russ Pavement. In other words, beneath the surface of every City street is a system of conveniences, indispensable to the health and comfort, and even the existence of the people above ground, and to keep which in repair is a capital object of municipal vigilance and labor. They must be frequently reached for this end through the pavement; the pavement must be removed in the front of every new building, if not for the construction of the vault, for the introduction of gas and water. In fact, for causes constantly recurring, and which must always occur, the covering of the street is at all times liable to removal.

And yet the very first requisite of that covering, in view of permanence, evenness, and drainage, demands that it should likewise constitute a perfect arch. The Russ pavement claims to comply with this requisite; it is, perhaps, at the moment of construction an arch, but an arch which is daily and necessarily subject to destruction at every point, and which once impaired can never be, or, more accurately, never is restored. The original integrity of the curve is not perhaps preserved for half a block upon Broadway; in front of every house it has been, or sooner or later will be, removed for some transient purpose; and even if the sand, and cement, and granite, which compose it, were replaced as near as possible to their former condition, still the arch would have been violated, and, from its nature, irrecoverably. But the cement is *not* restored; wherever the blocks have been raised and the cement penetrated, no attempt is made to repair the aperture in the latter with anything better than the broken fragments flung in along with sand and gravel. Hence those sunken spots all along the street, where horses are thrown down, and where water collects, and all the worst features of a road-way are presented. The objection to the Russ pavement, therefore, in relation to the system of public works beneath it, is, that these cannot be reached, as they must frequently be, without destroying all the valuable characteristics claimed for the pavement. The objection, we conceive to be irremovable, and fatal.

With the superficial demerits the public is too familiar. In addition to the irregularities of surface just alluded to, the granite is more treacherously smooth to the foot of the horse than the slipperiest ice. It was thought that grooving would remedy this defect; but the newer part of the street, above Astor-place, has been grooved, and nowhere are horses more frequently thrown down than there. On the block between Ninth and Tenth streets, we saw, the other day, horses attached to two different vehicles, lying on the pavement, and stopping the way. The substitution of very small cubes of granite temporarily prevents the mischief, but the wear of a few years must reduce them to the same slippery condition; while they are still obnoxious to the objections arising from the subterranean arches and mains.

The Russ pavement then, must, we think, be considered a failure. Sooner or later it will be removed; soon, if the loss of horse-flesh, or clemency to animals, enter into the calculation; later, if considerations of immediate expense prevail. The substitute for it must obviously possess two recommendations: that portions of it may be removed from time to time, without the uniformity of surface being impaired; and that it shall not be, or be liable to become, smooth beneath the horse's feet.

The recommendation of the Mayor to the Common Council to groove the Russ pavement, is a very sensible one as far as it goes, but grooves are of but little benefit, as the experience of the grooved and Belgian pavements proves.

Iron Ships.

England's old boast of her "wooden walls," has had its day,—or, if used at all, it will only be in a figurative sense. Her chief reliance now is in sheet iron; timber-built ships are becoming scarce in the British marine, and "iron sides," which was once used in a figurative sense, has now become a mere matter-of-fact expression for her ships. As yet we have built no iron ships in this country, and we stand at the head of all the nations of the earth in the number, beauty, and excellence of our wooden ships. Whether iron sailing ships will answer for long voyages and heavy freights, is a problem that has yet to be solved; but that they will answer admirably well for steam propulsion and coast service, has been abundantly proved by the vast number of vessels of that class which have been constructed in Great Britain during the past ten years.

The business of iron ship-building has, until quite recently, been chiefly carried on on the Clyde; but the discovery of extensive beds of iron ore in the North of England, near Newcastle, has led to the prosecution of the business on the Tyne. It is but three years since a ship-building firm in Newcastle commenced the construction of iron steam-propellers,—and, in that time, they have launched forty screw steamers,—most of which have been used for colliers, but a good many have been engaged in transporting troops and provisions to the Crimea. In a very few years England will have an iron navy, and the use of iron for the purposes of navigation may very materially affect our own shipping interest.

The abundance of iron in Western Pennsylvania, and the frightful accidents continually occurring on the Western Rivers from fire and snags, may lead to the substitution of iron boats for wooden ones altogether, on the Mississippi and Ohio, but it must be a long time before iron can rival the pitched vessels for the purposes of navigation in New-York and the other Atlantic cities.

The Lovers of Good Beef

Will be especially pleased with the information furnished by our reports of the Live Stock Markets. There were 1,900 beeves at Forty-fourth-street yesterday, of a better quality, taken together, than we say market day for several weeks past. Nominally there was an advance of one-half to one cent per pound, but many of the bullocks were worth six cents a pound more than the skin-and-bone affairs occupying most of the yards on some of the past market days.

A glance at the derivation of these good animals, shows that they were chiefly from the Counties along the Harlem Railroad,—Dutchess, Westchester and Putnam—from Livingston County in the Genesee Valley, and from Madison County, Ohio, with smaller choice lots from some other localities, such as Monroe County, N. Y; Ross and Medina Counties, Ohio, &c. Beeves that are beeves will always sell well in this market. Poor animals stand no chance now while the markets are supplied with beef brought in in the carcass.

Live Sheep are comparatively scarce, those of superior quality quite so. This scarcity is in part made up by the immense amount of dressed sheep coming in at this season. There was an unusual number of "infant calves" in market yesterday. Will the proper Officers please have an eye to the *age* and quality of veal offered for sale hereafter?

☞ We publish elsewhere a very interesting letter from Mr. JOSEPH MALE, editor of the Granada *El Nicaraguense*, on the affairs of Nicaragua—her politics, agricultural and mineral resources, and prospects of future prosperity. Mr. MALE has just returned from Nicaragua, and also furnishes us with the latest news from that Republic. Public attention is at this moment greatly attracted to the Central American question, and information upon this subject, coming from a reliable source, will doubtless be acceptable to our readers.

☞ An interesting letter from one of our Kansas correspondents will be found on another page of this morning's paper. It gives full particulars of the present invasion of Missourians, who, to the number of nearly a thousand men, have entered the Territory, armed with rifles and field-pieces. The excuses offered for this last outrage upon the rights of the people of Kansas, are the reports, so carefully spread by the Pro-Slavery press in connection with the Dow murder—reports, which we, by this time, know to be altogether false.

☞ In the news from the Sandwich Islands, published in yesterday's issue, there was a notice of the eruption of Mount Mauna Loa, situated near the port of Hilo. A correspondent sends us some interesting particulars of the phenomenon, with graphic descriptions of the volcano and its environs. The letter will be found in another part of this morning's paper.

Wallack's Theatre.

An original farce (bearing some relationship to a French piece lately produced in Paris, if we are not mistaken,) was played here last night under the name of "A California Widow." As the title imports, it is local and modern; the place being a New-York boarding-house, the period that of the annexation of California to the United States. Mr. *George Huntly* (WALCOT) is the hero; a gentleman of indiscriminate habits, who, after a flirtation with a New-York widow, retires to New-Orleans to practice virtue and make money. He is seized with a spasm of affection, however, and returns once more to New-York to comfort the bereaved one. He enters her boarding-house private parlor and finds all the furniture as of old, and over the mantel-shelf his own daguerreotype, from which, of course, he concludes that the widow is still the occupant. Previous to this he has been warned in a letter from a friend that the widow has been leading a suspiciously gay life, and that she has even temporarily changed her name when occasion required it. Whilst turning this matter over in his mind the chambermaid, *Peggy*, (Mrs. STEVENS) enters, and, in answer to *Huntly's* questions, informs him that the lady who occupies that room now goes by the name of *Priscilla Newbury*. This news confirms all the fears and all the worst suggestions of *Huntly's* correspondent. *Huntly* waxes wroth, and tells the domestic that *Newbury* is a humbug; that she is a heartless jade, and so forth; whereat Irish virtue arises in all its might. *Peggy* will give *Miss Newbury* a bit of her mind when next she meets her. An upholsterer now enters. He, too, is put on the alert, and vows he will return with his bill, and obtain the money, or take back the goods he supplied. Then we are treated to the touching spectacle of a young man who loves the false *Newbury*. He is armed, and retires vowing that he will let the beauty know he knows her now. Satisfied with his morning's work, *Huntly* swings himself across a chair, lights a cigar, and awaits the arrival of the fair one. While thus contemptuously taking his ease, *Miss Priscilla* (Mrs. CONOVER) enters. *Huntly* discovers, to his unutterable amazement, that she is not the widow, but a total stranger, who on the previous day engaged the rooms for herself and uncle. The fun now goes on uproariously. *Peggy* comes back to give the likes of them a bit of her mind. The upholsterer, insolently thrusts his bill under her nose, and without further delay begins to remove the curtains; the lover, under the combined influence of love and liquor, staggers in to insult and upbraid her. *Huntly*, who has conjured up these unruly spirits, finds it almost more than he can do to lay them, but he is at length successful. The *finale* hurries on. *Huntly* turns out to be a cousin of *Priscilla*. *Huntly* propitiates a fierce gobbler of an uncle. *Huntly* talks, *Huntley* gags, *Huntly* acts, *Huntly* sticks. Generally *Huntly* out-Huntlys *Huntly*, and after some confusion and a great deal of physical exercise makes the audience understand that *Priscilla* is to become *Mrs. Huntly*. The uncle referred to operates in the underplot. He is a gentleman who always gets red in the face first, and talks about going into a passion afterwards. Mr. NORTON, who sustained this character, imparted a great deal of vitality to it.

There is sufficient in this farce to obtain for it a long run, but it needs some pruning, and especially we would commend to speedy oblivion all the expletives that begin with d— and all the exclamations that commence with h—, whether followed (in the latter case,) with the vowel e or the vowel u. It was easy to see that the author did not have fair play last evening, and several of these blemishes were, doubtless, introduced like heavy artillery to cover a retreat to the prompt side. The character of *Huntly* is exactly suited to Mr. WALCOT, and if he will give the last a little more study he will do the theatre and himself more credit. The other characters were well sustained. A large audience enjoyed the fun and local hits of the piece, and pronounced its success at the play. It will be repeated to-night.

Concert.

Miss ANNA SPINOLA, a lady who is described as a prima donna, and who was, we believe, formerly a pupil of Signor BAGIOLI, announces a grand Concert for to-night, in the magnificent Hall of the Brooklyn Athenæum. The lady is a resident of the "City of Churches," and offers a very attractive programme—two sufficient reasons for a liberal attendance.

Bleckle's Soirees.

The second Classical Concert of Mr. BLECKLE's sixth series, comes off at Dodworth's Room on Sat-

[illegible] Mr. SIMPSON's quartette party.

Academy of Music.

That most refreshing comic opera, the "Bal Masqué," will be given, to-night, with a superb cast. Need we say more?

NEW-YORK CITY.

Rev. Wm. Arthur at the Tabernacle.

For the last few years an Association of gentlemen in the North of Ireland has been actively engaged in a movement for promoting systematic benevolence. It offered a prize for an essay, and five different manuscripts having been chosen by five different adjudicators, they were all published. Desirous, however, to bring the subject before the public in a still more direct manner, they got up a requisition to Rev. WM. ARTHUR, of London, to visit them and lecture upon it. This was signed by all the leading clergy of the different denominations, beginning with such names as COOKE, EDGAR, MORGAN, DREW, MCAYEE, &c., as also by many of the chief merchants of the town. The lecture was delivered in the Victoria Hall, the largest public room in Belfast. The Lord Bishop of Down, Connor and Dromore, presided. When moved out of the Chair, the Moderator of the Presbyterian General Assembly succeeded him, and a host of clergymen and laymen of all denominations met at once to testify their zeal for the cause, and their essential union. A requisition for a repetition of the lecture in the Rotunda, Dublin, the largest place of public assembly in that city, followed. There the Lord Mayor was to preside, but a fit of illness on the day of the lecture obliged him to send one of his friends. In Bristol and in Exeter Hall, London, the lecture was repeated, and Mr. ARTHUR was obliged to refuse numerous requisitions from the most influential quarters in leading provincial towns. These facts being known to some of our citizens, led the request from the Committee that Mr. ARTHUR would repeat his lecture in New-York. Hence the Tabernacle meeting last night, which was largely attended. The building was crowded in every part. Rev. Dr. ADAMS introduced the lecturer, after a prayer by Rev. Dr. KNOX. The subject of the lecture was "Systematic Christian Benevolence." This was treated by Mr. ARTHUR in a thoroughly practical manner. He instanced the various grades of benevolence which professing Christians maintained and followed. For himself, he held that the Christian standard of benevolence must not be lower than the Jewish, which enforced the bestowal of one-tenth of every man's income on purposes of charity. One-tenth must be at least the standard of every Christian, and anything less than that was a departure from the principles of true religion. The lecture seemed to give general satisfaction.

Grooving the Russ Pavement in Broadway.

The Special Committee of the Board of Aldermen, to whom was referred the subject of grooving the Russ pavement in Broadway, held a meeting yesterday at 4 P. M., at the City Hall: Present, Aldermen WM. TUCKER, (Chairman,) VOORHIS and HOWARD. There was a large attendance of stage proprietors and citizens generally, interested in the introduction of the proposed change in the pavement of this crowded thoroughfare. The Chairman first exhibited a wooden block, showing the nature of the groove intended to be made, and the proportions of the same as called for by the resolution adopted by the Board of Councilmen. The block was ten inches long and eight inches wide, this being the average dimensions of blocks comprising the Russ pavement. The grooves intended as a model, were constructed at right angles with the sides of the block, and were 1¼ inch wide on the the surface and three-fourths of an inch in depth, an acute angle being formed at the bottom of the groove. Having shown this block the Chairman stated that they were ready to hear the statements of parties present relative to the probable working and feasibility of adopting such groove in the pavement laid in Broadway.

Mr. WM. H. BERRIEN, President of the Knickerbocker Stage Company, said that the need for some change in the Russ pavement to secure safety to horses was growing daily more imperative. He suggested that to groove the outer edges of each block would answer fully the purpose sought to be effected.

Mr. GEORGE SHEPHARD, of the Knickerbocker Company, proposed grooving each block, as proposed in the model before them. Grooving the edges would, in his view, serve to loosen the blocks, and thus impair greatly the value and durability of the pavement. He added that the loss to this company of horses from the pavement not being grooved was not less than forty annually.

Mr. HORACE BEALE, of BEALE & JAMES, marble manufacturers, said that the extent of the grooves proposed did not endanger the breakage or splitting of the blocks. The work of grooving, he thought, could be effected at a trifle less than a dollar a cubic yard.

Alderman HOWARD stated that that very afternoon, while passing the corner of Canal-street and Broadway, he saw no less than three horses down at the same time. One of them, he said, had a leg broken, caused by the fall.

The Committee, upon suggestion of Alderman VOORHIS, here adjourned to Broadway to examine the Russ pavement. The company present followed, and a large additional party soon collected about the Committee while engaged in their explorations and measurements in Broadway. Subsequently the Committee took a glance at the Russ pavement in Park-row, which had been grooved. Upon reassembling at the City Hall, it was finally decided to authorize Mr. BEALE to groove forthwith a portion of the Broadway pavement opposite the City Hall, according to the model exhibited, and see first how the same would work before reporting concurrence with the other Board in adopting this mode of grooving. Mr. BEALE was instructed to groove the pavement a yard in width, which, he said, he would do at once. The Committee hereupon adjourned.

The Mayor.

We understand that Our Excellency, the Mayor, after reading the report of the TIMES, sent for Capt. WALLING, of the Eighteenth District, and denied that he had ever sent to that Station for the discharge of prisoners. The following was the matter as presented by and before the Police Investigating Committee:

"Q.—Do you generally give notice to Magistrates of an arrest, or do you ever discharge prisoners yourself? A.—I never discharge any one, neither do I deliver them up on the written order of any one; *I have had orders from the Mayor* and City Judge to release prisoners, but have invariably refused to do so."

Capt. WALLING, as we learn, persisted in the truth of the statement made by him, when His Honor gave him the "lie direct."

Sundry Police Captains in the City say they hold in their possession the original orders transmitted by His Honor since he has issued his manifesto denying the right of Magistrates in this respect.

Dr. Doremus' Lectures.

The Professor of Chemistry delivered the second lecture of his popular course last evening. The subject was Heat, and he said all that *could* be said in an hour and a half on that subject. His references to the theory of central heat, and volcanic action, were not too obstruse for a general rather than a scientific or professional audience. His demonstrations were intelligible and many of them very neatly manipulated, especially the decomposition of dry carbonic acid by hot potassium. The combustion of metals under the oxyhydrogen blow pipe, arrested attention, and the youngsters could not fail to be interested in watching the Doctor poke melted lead from the ladle with his bare fingers. Children of a larger growth were interested in the reason why, or how it may be done without scalding. If possible, the crowd was more dense than on the former occasion.

A New Car Brake.

The experiment made yesterday on the Hudson River Railroad, to test the merits of "LOUGHRIDGE'S Great American Car Brake," was only partially successful. A special train with this brake attached, left Thirty-first-street at 10½ o'clock A. M., having a number of invited guests on board, and proceeded as far as Sing Sing. After one or two trials near this place, some part of the machinery of the brake gave way, and the inventor having no duplicate at hand, the party returned to the City. Before the accident occurred the train was brought to a full stop in a distance of five hundred feet, while running at a speed of 30 miles an hour. It is understood that the experiment will be repeated at an early day.

Murdered in the Public Street.

A stranger in the City, by the name of JOHN DICKSON, was set upon a few nights ago by a gang of ruffians in Livingston-street, and beaten to a most [illegible] manner. He was found lying senseless in the street, and conveyed to the house No. [illegible] Livingston-street, where he has since been attended by a physician. Notwithstanding everything possible was done for him, he continued to grow worse, and died on Tuesday. An inquest was held on the body yesterday, and a verdict of death by violence at the hands of persons unknown to the Jury, was rendered.

Fund's Shakespeare and Milton.

There are two beautiful pictures on exhibition at WILLIAMS, STEVENS & CO.'S, in Broadway, which excite a good deal of attention and remark. They are "SHAKESPEARE and MILTON, in their studies," by FUND. Both portraits are admirable, and the positions of the poets such as the world must wish to have seen them in. MILTON is dictating his "Paradise Lost;" SHAKESPEARE sits meditating some familiar passage, before inditing it upon his page. The pictures go to Philadelphia at the end of the week.

Where's Brandy?

It is rumored, in the City Hall, that the worthy Ex-Chief MATSELL and his clerk, MCMILLAN, have applied to be admitted to practice at the Bar! We always supposed that applicants must be examined before they practiced. To the rescue!

Office of Brennan Guilty,
No. 207 BROADWAY,
Monday, Dec. 10, 1855.

To the Editor of the New-York Daily Times:

In your issue of this morning you state that, as counsel for LUMAN GOSS, I made a motion in the Court of General Sessions on Saturday, to quash the indictment pending against him and others in that Court, and that this motion was denied by the Recorder. This is a mistake. No motion to quash has ever been made upon the behalf of Mr. GOSS, but on the contrary, repeated applications have been made in open Court, that he might be tried upon the indictment, and the motion on Saturday was either to discharge him from that indictment, under the provisions of the Revised Statutes, or to let him go upon his own recognizance, to appear and answer when required. Neither of these benefits was granted. The indictment is one for alleged false pretences in procuring a policy of insurance upon goods shipped on board the ill-fated *Martha Washington*, and in connection with the alleged forgery upon the Glenwood Bank.

Mr. SNOWDEN, the Assistant District-Attorney, opposed the application on the ground that a dilatory plea had been interposed by some of the persons jointly indicted with Mr. GOSS, and that if that plea should be maintained, the indictment would be quashed, as to all the parties affected by it; and stated that in view of the enormous expense to which this County must be put by the trial of this indictment, the District-Attorney did not feel warranted putting the defendants to their trial until the fate of the motion to quash should be known. This motion, (to quash,) is to be argued next Saturday.

RICHARD BURTHEN,
Counsel for LUMAN GOSS.

Spanish Power in America.

G. W. DIX, Esq., delivered a lecture last evening at Clinton Hall, on the "Spanish Power in America." It was illustrated by diagrams, and was well received.

☞ The clipper ship *Dreadnought*, Captain SAMUELS, from Liverpool, arrived yesterday, bringing 1,000 tons of fine dry goods, 200 tons of steel, the pinkes and cutlery, being the largest cargo of fine goods ever shipped to New-York from Liverpool.

☞ Mr. BROWN, the Elocutionist, delighted a good audience last night, at Clinton Hall, with a life of Burns and readings of some of his choicest poems and later poetry. One other night (next Wednesday) concludes this course, which has been a very pleasant one.

☞ JAMES IRVING, Esq., who is not quite unknown in circles where it is quite as creditable not to be known, has been appointed, they say, Inspector of Public Buildings under Commissioner SLATER. The salary is $2,500.

Fire.

A fire occurred about 10 o'clock last night, in the lumber yard of J. JOHNSON, corner of West and Watts streets. It was soon put out. Damage about $50.

☞ [illegible] was killed at the factory of the "Union Manufacturing Company" at Norwalk, Ct., on the 11th inst. at 6 o'clock P. M., by falling into a large tub of boiling water.

BUSINESS NOTICES.

GREAT FIRE IN BROOKLYN—NEW-YORK, OCT. 19, 1855. Messrs. S. C. HERRING & CO.: Gentlemen: It is a pleasure to me to state that the HERRING'S PATENT SAFE, which we purchased from you about a year since, has been the means of preserving our books, papers, &c., from fire, at the destruction of our four mills in Brooklyn, early on the morning of the 11th instant. The safe was exposed to a severe heat about eight hours; and when cooled off and opened the contents were found entirely uninjured. We cheerfully recommend them to all. [illegible] HECKER & BROTHERS.

The above testimonial fact, which has been obtained by other parties, can be seen, with all the original photographed marks (as it came from the ruins), at the store of the subscribers, who are sole proprietors, and have on hand a large assortment of HERRING'S PATENT SAFES, Fire and Burglar-proof Safes, with HALL'S Patent Powder-proof Locks, together with an assortment of the old WILDER'S Patent Salamander Safes at reduced prices.

S. C. HERRING & CO.,
Green Block, Nos. 125, 127 and 129 Water-st., New-York.

REAL ESTATE SALES.—CAPITALISTS AND others will please notice that A. J. BLEECKER & CO. will sell, at public auction, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock, at the Merchants' Exchange, the desirable property Nos. 204, 206, and 208 Bleecker-st., and 211, and 213 West 21st-st., with the two vacant lots, 215 and 217 West; valuable property Nos. 147 and 149 Cedar-st.; also, the valuable lots on Broadway and 6th-av., occupied by Mr. Lannin, sculptor, situated between 31st and 32d sts.; also, a valuable property on the corner of Carlisle and Washington, the house and lot No. 149 North-st., and a number of building lots on 34th-st. Many of the above property can be had at the office of the auctioneers, No. 7 Broad-st.

MINK SABLE SETS AT GENIN'S.—LADIES ARE invited to inspect the superb stock of Fancy Furs at GENIN'S Lower Store, and to note carefully the extraordinary cheap sets of Mink Sable, consisting of Tippets, Muff and Cuffs, at $100 the set. The Mink Sable Tippets, varying in price from $25 to $50, are superior in length of skins, gloss and quality to any specimens of this beautiful Fur procurable at the same figure elsewhere.

GENIN, No. 214 Broadway,
opposite St. Paul's Church.

SUCH A BEWILDERING ASSORTMENT OF TOYS and Fancy Goods as are now exhibiting by TUTTLE, was never before contemplated anywhere, and as we have often intimated the collection is one worth going to see. What cannot be got at this emporium we are of the opinion cannot be obtained anywhere else, and, as the starting point you will save yourself the trouble of going further. The No. is 365 Broadway.

DRUGGIST'S FANCY GOODS.—WE WOULD CALL attention, to the Druggists particularly, to our large and select assortment of imported toilet soaps, fancy and shaving brushes, odor boxes, toilet mirrors, and many wickednesses of other German and French extracts, extracts, pomades and perfumery generally, together with an assortment of goods, both foreign and domestic, judiciously selected for druggists' sales, which we offer on the most reasonable terms. GARAUDAN & BILLS, Importers, No. 37 Maiden-lane.

STEARNS & MARVIN'S
WILDER PATENT SALAMANDER SAFES,
Thirteen years in use and have never failed to preserve their contents from the ravages of fire. These Safes are secured by Brannah's Patent Locks, which is proof against powder and burglars. For sale by

STEARNS & MARVIN,
No. 189 Water-st., New-York.

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BATCHELOR'S Wigs and Toupees are the most natural, in elegance and variety, all in the known world. The perfection of practical science and beauty, combining the most durable texture, ease and durability. Also, BATCHELOR'S Superb Maidavia Cream, for preserving and strengthening the hair.

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BATCHELOR'S HAIR DYE—THE ORIGINAL, THE Reliable, the Infallible—the production of the artist, the envy of imitators. True to Nature without any injury to hair or skin, and to counteract the evil effects of bad Dyes. Made and sold, or applied, for a private room at BATCHELOR'S Wig Factory, No. 130 Broadway.

MUSIC AT HALF-PRICE.—PIANOS AND MELODEONS from the best Makers and New-York manufacture at great bargains. Second-hand pianos at $50, $75 and $125. Melodeons, at $40, $50, $75, $100 and $125. Elegantly boxed for New-Year's presents, for sale at No. 365 Broadway.

HORACE WATERS, Agent.

JET BRACELETS, NECKLACES AND BROOCHES AT HALF OF THE USUAL PRICES, and large stock of the newest and most rich patterns, just received by the last steamer, will be sold in connection with every variety of Fancy Goods and Toys for the Holidays, at HOGEBOOM'S Cheap Fancy Bazaar, No. 449 Broadway.

DEFIANCE SALAMANDER SAFES.—ROBERT M. PATRICK is the sole manufacturer in the United States of the above celebrated safes, and patent powder-proof defiance locks and arm-bars. Depôt No. 335 Pearl-st., 2d door below Maiden-lane.

OVER-COATS, &c.—OUR STOCK OF ALL KINDS of fashionable Winter wear, over and under-coats, Shawls, Robes, &c., &c., is very full and complete, and will be sold low.

D. DEVLIN & CO.,
Nos. 258, 260, and 262 Broadway.

SEWING MACHINE SILK TWIST.—GREAT REduction in price.—We now offer sewing machine silk cheaper than ever sold before. The best quality heretofore sold at $2 per pound, we now sell at $1 [illegible] spools at 50 cents. I. M. SINGER & CO., No. 323 Broadway.

FRENCH COLLARS.—A LARGE LOT OF VERY beautiful French collars, in new and elegant patterns, to which special attention is solicited, by W. W. NORTON, No. 385 Broadway, between 18th and 19th sts. Mail orders promptly attended.

A SUPERIOR PRESENT FOR A GENTLEMAN.—One dozen of our fine cotton cotton, put up in a beautiful box. Also, rich [illegible] for sale, at very reasonable wholesale or retail, the Hosiery and Glove Store of Thomas A. [illegible]

SPECIAL NOTICES.

The Magnet Bookstore—A fresh supply of books and yellow grape and cocoa gilt, and cocoa or which is unfinished for one gallons spirits; most natural distillers of Jamaica and St. Croix rum; Monongahela and Irish whisky; gin, port, sherry and claret wines; chocolate, colonday for all these liquors, and explicit directions for use. N. B.—Chemicals, metals, and patent medicines at most accommodating terms. For sale by Dr. L. FRANKENTHANGER, No. 22 Maiden-lane.

For Consumption Bronchitis—Good Hoover 1852 is the only article that has ever maintained a reputation for this disease. None genuine without FREDERICK V. RUSHTON'S name in full on each label; No. 19 Astor House, No. 417 Broadway, New-York; and No. 170 Chestnut-st., Philadelphia.

For Beautifying the Complexion and eradicating all tan, pimples, and freckles from the face, use the BALM THOUSAND FLOWERS. PETRIDGE & CO., Franklin-square. Sold by C. H. RING, and RUSHTON, No. 19 Astor-House, and No 417 Broadway, New-York, and No. 170 Chestnut-st., Philadelphia.

A Good Medicine.—THE OXYGENATED BITTERS is the best remedy for Dyspepsia ever discovered; for proof of this, read the certificates from Members of Congress and other well known citizens.

Valuable Articles.—All persons are invited to try these instruments for the relief of Deafness. Apply to RUSHTON'S, corner of Broadway, and Chambers-st.

On Friday Evening Next—The 14th inst., a public meeting will be held in the Pacific-st. M. E. Church, Brooklyn, at 7½ o'clock, and a collection made in aid of the Fund for increasing Methodist Agencies in Brooklyn. Hon. Hamilton Fish, LL.D., Rev. Wm. Burton, Rev. Wm. Ashmun, of London, will address the meeting.

Young Women's Farm Association—Regular weekly meeting TO-NIGHT, at 8 o'clock, at Mechanics' Institute, No. 4 Bowery. Our plan is calculated to make the members farms worth, at the end of the year, from one to two hundred dollars, for the time, the first cost. Attend the meeting; hear and judge for yourselves. JOHN STEVENS, President.

Fancy Goods Exclusively—Tooth, nail, hair and cloth brushes, perfumery, fancy goods, pocket books, combs, Paris toilet soaps, &c., for sale by RUFUS E. LEGRAND & CO., Importers, No. 196 Broadway.

FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

GIFTS AND TOYS
FOR THE HOLIDAYS,
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WHERE YOU WILL FIND IN ABUNDANCE.
Dolls and Children's Toys, Rocking Horses, Workboxes, Trumpets, Drums, etc., Dolls: Dolls! Dolls! Wooden and China Figures, Dressed and Undressed, Dolls, Dolls! Dolls! Toy Pianos, Toy Fiddles, Toy Guns, Toy Swords and Cutlasses, Toy Trumpets, Toy Drums, Toy Pistols, Toy Rifles, Toy Fowling Pieces

AUCTION SALES.

[illegible] Auctioneer.

AUCTION NOTICE.

HIGH COST GOLD AND SILVER WATCHES, &c., BY WILMERDING, HOGUET & HUMBERT, Stores Nos. 51 and 53 Broad-st., On FRIDAY, Dec. 14, at 12 o'clock, comprising an ENTIRE INVOICE, received by the [illegible] at auction, and consisting in part of: Enameled silver CYLINDERS, 4s, 5s, 6s, 7s, ANCRES; also, detached GOLD LEVERS and REPINE in heavy [illegible] SECOND WATCHES and DOUBLE CASES of [illegible] and other fine SWISS WATCHES, from the best GENEVA LOGE FACTORIES. Also, an invoice of ENGLISH LEVER WATCHES and MOVEMENTS, TO CLOSE A CONSIGNMENT; [illegible] WATCHES, [illegible] M. J. Tobias, and other well-known LONDON MAKERS. Also, a large lot of FRAMELED and DIAMOND SET GOLD WATCHES, suitable for HOLIDAY PRESENTS.

[illegible] Auctioneer.

WILL SELL, THIS DAY, Dec. 16, at 12½ o'clock, at the Exchange, for account of whom it may concern:

[illegible] City 7 per cent. Bonds ..... $1,000 each
[illegible] Fort Wayne and Southern Railroad 1st Mortgage 7 per cent. Bonds ..... $1,000 each
[illegible] Chicago and Mississippi Railroad 10 per cent. Income Bonds ..... $1,000 each
[illegible] Terre Haute and Alton Railroad 1st Mortgage Bonds ..... $1,000 each
[illegible] Little Miami Railroad 1st Mortgage Bonds ..... $1,000 each
[illegible] Northern Indiana Railroad (Goshen) Bonds ..... $1,000 each
[illegible] Michigan Southern and Northern Indiana Railroad 1st Mortgage Bonds ..... $1,000 each
[illegible] Chicago and Mississippi 1st Mortgage Bonds ..... $1,000 each
[illegible] Michigan Southern (Jackson) Bonds ..... $1,000 each
[illegible] Rockbridge Canal Coal Company ..... $1,000 each
[illegible] Northern Indiana Railroad 7 per cent. Bonds ..... $1,000 each
[illegible] shares United States Mail Steamship Co. ..... $100 each
[illegible] shares Michigan Southern Railroad Construction Stock ..... $100 each
[illegible] shares Commonwealth Insurance Company ..... $100 each
[illegible] shares Enterprise Fire Insurance Company (hypothecated) ..... $25 each
[illegible] shares [illegible] Bank ..... $25 each
[illegible] shares Farmers' and Citizens' Bank of Long Island ..... $25 each
[illegible] shares St. Nicholas Fire Insurance Company ..... $25 each
[illegible] shares Metropolitan Fire Insurance Co. ..... $100 each
[illegible] shares American Artificial Stone Company ..... $10 each

[illegible] on the 20th inst., and the balance [illegible] days, and the balance [illegible] to-morrow. The second interest on all the Bonds will be charged to the purchaser. Next regular sale on MONDAY, Dec. 17.

HENRY LEEDS & Co., Auctioneers.

PEREMPTORY SALE OF ELEGANT AND COSTLY HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, SPLENDID FRENCH PLATE MIRRORS, VELVET AND TAPESTRY CARPETS, ROSEWOOD PARLOR SUITES, ROSEWOOD PIANO-FORTE, ELEGANT FRENCH CLOCKS, ROSEWOOD BEDSTEADS, BUREAUS, WASHSTANDS, CHINA, GLASS, ETC.—At the residence No. 69 West 26th-st., near 7th-av.—H. LEEDS & CO. will sell at auction THIS DAY, Dec. 14, at 10½ o'clock, the entire furniture, &c., of the above first-class house, which has been recently furnished with the most costly furniture, consisting in part of: [illegible] rosewood parlor suites, French plate mirrors, magnificent velvet carpets, French clocks, elegant front and back reception chairs in tapestry, rosewood [illegible], rosewood centre, sofa and pier tables, rich lace window curtains, French shades, oil-paintings and parlor ornaments, bronze and marble clocks, decorated China vases, &c.; dining room oak extension table, [illegible] China ware, 175 pieces, glass ware, decorated China tea and coffee sets, carved rosewood bedsteads, do. washstands, rosewood bureaus, decorated China toilet sets, French sofas, spring seat chairs, do. do. rockers in plush, lounges, best hair mattresses, feather beds and bedding, &c.

W. S. MILLER, Auctioneer.

BY BOUGHTON & SELLOR—THIS DAY, (Thursday) at 10½ o'clock, at the salesroom No. 113 Hudson-st., Peremptory sale of superior made cabinet furniture, being the entire manufactured stock of a manufacturer, comprising a great variety of articles, as may be wanted at private sale. The stock will be arranged for exhibition on Tuesday, consisting in part of: ten solid rosewood frame parlor suites of furniture, covered in costly brocades, brocatels, plush and hair cloth, upholstered, plain and tufted; rich centre tables, buffets, rosewood sofas, [illegible] chairs, stools, rich [illegible] cabinets, library and secretary bookcases, [illegible], Turkish and Voltaire chairs, reception chairs, [illegible] rocking chair covered in morocco, cost $40, solid rosewood bedsteads, bureaus, washstands and commodes, mahogany, walnut and oak, in suites to match, several richly decorated and enamelled chamber suites, with bedsteads, bureaus, [illegible] tables in great variety, 6-6-4-4-feet and plain back sofas, chairs to match, cot, cane, hickory and dining-room furniture in great variety, cottage and gothic chairs, several lounges and lounge beds, covered in fancy delaines and enameled cloth, pure South American hair mattresses, palliasses, carpets, rich clocks, vases, [illegible] oil-paintings, English line engravings, 30 pairs large plate mirrors, and 8 mahogany and rosewood piano-fortes, new and second hand. Catalogues on the morning of sale.

WILLIAM IRVING, Auctioneer.

SUPERB SALE OF FANCY GOODS, BROWNER, FRENCH CHINA, SILVER-PLATED WARE, CHINESE GOODS, FINE OIL-PAINTINGS, PAPER MACHE GOODS, &c.—WILLIAM IRVING, JR., will sell at auction, on THURSDAY and FRIDAY, Dec. 13 and 14, at 10½ o'clock, at the salesrooms No. 6 Park-row, a superb assortment of elegant fruity ormolu and marble [illegible] clocks, with superb bronze groups, bronze figures and statuettes, vases, lute player, warriors, &c.; bronze groups, cupids, fishermen, stag hunt, boy and dog, cavaliers, &c.; elegant bronze candelabras and candlesticks, a splendid [illegible] supported by porcelain groups and figures, card-receivers, &c.; French China, painted and decorated vases, of various styles and sizes; China card plates, tea and dinner sets, China boxes, &c.; heavy silver-plated ware, salvers, liquor frames, tea sets, [illegible] baskets, toast racks, goblets, salts, candlesticks, &c.; Parian marble vases, butter tubs, pitchers, [illegible] oil-paintings, Parian groups and figures, Chinese enameled vases, lacquered work-boxes, [illegible] tables, cabinets, figures, &c.; alabaster glove and jewel boxes, inkstands, ebony work-boxes, fitted; Japan, pearl, inlaid trays, work-boxes, checker boards, portfolios, [illegible], bronze and China etagere ornaments, wax dolls, toys, &c.

E. H. LUDLOW, Auctioneer.

RARE AND VALUABLE COLLECTION OF PAINTINGS AT AUCTION.—E. H. LUDLOW will sell at auction on THURSDAY, 20th, and FRIDAY, 21st, at 7 o'clock P. M., at the salesrooms formerly occupied by the National Academy of Design, No. 663 Broadway, opposite Bond-st., a rare and valuable collection of pictures, consisting of nearly 200 original specimens of the works of celebrated artists, both ancient and modern, selected and imported from various cabinets and studies in Europe, by Mr. J. P. Beaumont, and containing pictures by the following masters: Murillo, Paladesio, Tintoretto, Marasseo, Paul Brill, &c., &c.; as also of modern artists of the Dusseldorf, Belgian, and other schools, as well as fine works by Huntington and the late Gilbert Stuart, whose fame stands so high in this country. They may be examined on MONDAY the 17th inst., from 9 till 5 o'clock, and daily till sale; which, for the convenience of purchasers residing up town, will take place at 7½ P. M. The rooms will be lighted on WEDNESDAY EVENING until 10 P. M. Catalogues will be ready on SATURDAY the 15th inst., at the office of the Auctioneer, No. 11 Wall and No. 2 New-st.

J. BESART, Auctioneer.

BY J. BOGART.—Store corner of Frankfort and William sts., New-York.—PEREMPTORY SALE OF VALUABLE POWER AND HAND PRESSES, &c., in Tayler-st., Brooklyn, near Kent-av., within five minutes' walk of Peck-slip Ferry. Supreme Court, Kings county. Philip Cozzens against John Tufts, Assignee and Assignors. The undersigned, by an order of this Court dated Dec. 3, 1855, will sell at public auction, on THURSDAY NEXT, Dec. 13, at 11 o'clock A. M., on the premises, 24 valuable power and hand presses, planing and drilling machines, lathes, vices, blacksmith's tools, stocks and dies, bellows, &c., together with the valuable machinery and materials used in the manufacture of Port-monnaies, Wallets, &c., worth $10,000. Can be seen on the morning of sale. Terms cash—bankable money. No postponement. C. M. Price, Attorney for plaintiff. John Campbell, Receiver, No. 113 Grand-st., Williamsburg; and 177 Pearl-st., New-York.

J. L. VANDEWATER, Auctioneer.

LARGE, ATTRACTIVE AND PEREMPTORY SALE—Of Parisian china vases, dinner, tea, dessert and tête-à-tête sets, bronze and ormolu clocks, bronzes, figures, statuettes, Bohemian flint glass, costly real India cashmere long and square shawls, Chinese and Japanese goods, Hudson Bay sable furs, stone marten do., mink do., Russia ditto, with a general assortment of English and Parisian goods, suitable for the Holiday season. The whole, without any exception, forming the richest display of first-class goods ever before offered to the public. The sale will take place on WEDNESDAY, Dec. 12, THURSDAY, Dec. 13, FRIDAY, Dec. 14, at 10½ o'clock each day, at the large and spacious stores, Nos. 46 and 48 Broad-st.

TUNIS MOSSELL, Auctioneer.

FURNITURE, &c.—To pay advances, THIS (Thursday) MORNING, at 10½ o'clock, at No. 51 Nassau-st., by catalogue.—Families, dealers and shippers are invited to this sale, as rare inducements will be offered them, consisting in part of elegant rosewood piano, made by J. & C. Pleyel, (to be sold precisely at 12 o'clock;) also, superior French plate mirrors, fine oil-paintings, silver-plated ware, fancy mantel clock, portable desks, China ware, &c.; also, elegant rosewood library, bookcases, wardrobes, Jenny Lind and other bedsteads, tête-à-têtes, lounges, dressing bureaus with marble tops, pier and centre tables, extension dining tables, washstands with marble tops, suites of parlor and chamber furniture, &c. N. B.—Boxes, matters and carters furnished.

JAMES MILLER, Auctioneer.

VALUABLE PROPERTY FOR SALE AT AUCTION.—The attention of the public is called to the sale of valuable property, consisting of houses, cottages and lots of land, to be made by JAMES MILLER, on FRIDAY, Dec. 14, at 12 o'clock, at the Merchants' Exchange. This will afford a splendid opportunity for investment, as so many lots will be taken out of the market for the Central Park, and most of these are situated in its vicinity—on Broadway, 5th-av., 30th, 52d, 81st and 82d-sts., 2d-av. and 116th-st.; 4th-av. and 128th-st.; 6th-av., 126th and 128d-sts. Also, 6 acres of land at High Bridge, on the Harlem River. Terms liberal, and sale peremptory. For maps and particulars, inquire at the auction-room, No. 61 Maiden-lane.

EUGENE B. FRANKLIN, Auctioneer.

BY FRANKLIN & NICHOLS—At their salesroom, No. 18 Nassau-st., near John, to-morrow, FRIDAY, Dec. 14, at 10½ o'clock, a large collection of [illegible] and fancy articles, and a general assortment of rich and plain dry goods.

EUGENE B. FRANKLIN, Auctioneer.

DUTCH FURNITURE AT AUCTION—EUGENE B. FRANKLIN will sell, THIS DAY, at 10½ o'clock, at No. 8 Franklin-st., by order of Francis & Young, No. 7 Johnson-st., a choice lot of Dutch mahogany [illegible], consisting in part of: [illegible] Dressing bureaus, &c., &c., fully equal to new, without reserve.

AUCTION SALES.

[illegible] Auctioneer.

AUCTION NOTICE.

LARGE, SPECIAL AND PEREMPTORY SALE OF VERY RICH AND ELEGANT FANCY GOODS, PARIS AND VIENNA TOYS, &c., &c., BY WILMERDING, HOGUET & HUMBERT, Stores Nos. 51 and 53 Broad-st., On FRIDAY, Dec. 14, 1855, at 10 o'clock, comprising a great variety of rich holiday presents, toys and every variety of fancy goods.

ANTHONY J. BLEECKER, Auctioneer.

PEREMPTORY SALE OF SEVEN HOUSES AND LOTS AND TWO VACANT LOTS ON 81ST-ST., BETWEEN 7TH-AV. and 10TH AVE., AT AUCTION.—ANTHONY J. BLEECKER & CO., will sell at Public Auction, on THIS FRIDAY, Dec. 14, 1855, at 12 o'clock, at the Merchants' Exchange, without reserve to the highest bidder, the following Real Estate, viz:

On TWENTY-SECOND-STREET.—The large and handsome factory attached basement brick house and lot of ground known as No. 303 West 22d-st., south side, between 9th and 10th-avs. The house is finished in excellent style, with bath, Croton water, gas and other modern improvements, and is 60 feet by 50 feet 4 inches in depth. The lot is very large, being 56 feet front and rear by 96 feet 6 inches in depth.

Also, the 3 3-story and basement brick houses and lots known as Nos. 268, 264 and 266 23d-st., adjoining the above property, each house being 18 feet front and rear by 46 feet 4 inches in depth, except No. 266, which is 19 feet 11 inches front and rear. These houses are well built, and have gas, Croton water, range, marble mantels, and are built in a substantial manner. The lot No. 266 is 19 feet 11 inches by 96 feet 6 inches in depth.

Also, the 3 3-story brick house and lots known as Nos. 269, 271 and 273 West 21st-st., directly in rear of the above described. These lots are each 21 feet front and rear by 104 feet in depth, except No. 273, which is only 21 feet 5 inches front. The houses are well built, have courtyards in front, and are very handsomely finished, having many modern improvements.

On TWENTY-FIRST-STREET.—Also, a large lot of ground fronting about two lots, adjoining the last, being west of the same and nearer 10th-av. The whole plot is 44 feet front and rear by 104 feet in depth. This property is in a very excellent neighborhood, and the sale offers great inducements to those wishing a quiet and retired residence on the west side of our City. The terms of sale will be liberal to the purchasers, as 66 per cent of the purchase money can remain on bond and mortgage for a term of years. The property will also be sold subject to nuisance clauses. For maps and further particulars, apply to the Auctioneer's office, No. 7 Broad-st.

HENRY H. LEEDS & Co., Auctioneers.

HENRY H. LEEDS & CO.—WILL SELL, BY AUCTION, on FRIDAY, Dec. 14, at 10½ o'clock, at the salesroom No. 19 Nassau-st.—Large sale of furniture—Been used only a few months, and made for the Castle Garden—will be removed to our store for convenience of sale—it having been stored since the Garden was leased to the Emigrant Society, and is in good order—consisting of 1,440 feet settees with stuffed cushions, 1,800 feet figured moreen stuffed cushions, a large quantity of carpets, 6 dozen cottage cane seat chairs in perfect order, 8 dozen common Windsor do., 20 dozen stools, 3 superior mahogany marble-top restaurant tables, 19 round do., half dozen iron framed do., 1½ dozen arm chairs with cushions, washstands with marble tops, bar-room fixtures, large stove, fixtures, &c., several smaller do., 14 dozen tea spoons, 6 dozen knives and forks, 20 dozen cups and saucers, 21 dozen plates, large lot of bowls and pitchers, 8 large punch bowls, 3 dozen decanters, 3 dozen large glass jars, coffee urns, plated, a large assortment of costly chandeliers, ormolu and bronze, 6 lights, in perfect order, 18 dozen brackets, globe holders, harp and globe do., 30 one-light brackets, three do., 1 large harp do., 12 small do., 10 superior do., a large assortment of glass trays, tubs, spittoons, pails, bar-screens, ice picks, pepper boxes, india rubber canteens, Goodyear's patent, clear lighters, shoe knives, liquor mixers, pitchers, and a great variety of other furniture.

Also, about 30,000 Havana cigars, Regalias, Cassadoras, Londres, and other brands, purchased for the Garden—the whole without reserve.

HENRY H. LEEDS & Co., Auctioneers.

HENRY H. LEEDS & CO. WILL SELL, BY AUCTION, on FRIDAY, Dec. 14, at 12 o'clock, in front of the store No. 19 Nassau-st., a light barouche, nearly new, and in perfect order, made by Ham to order, extension shifting top, and a very desirable vehicle in every respect, cost $450.

Also, a valuable pair of large bay family horses, recently from the country, perfect, gentle and kind.

Also, a fine lion-gray horse, long tail, about eight years old and sixteen hands high, stylish driver, good saddle horse, gentle and kind in all harness, can trot inside of three minutes.

Also, a light trotting wagon, nearly new, and in good order.

HENRY H. LEEDS, Auctioneer.

HENRY H. LEEDS & CO. WILL SELL, BY AUCTION—On THURSDAY, Dec. 13, at 10½ o'clock, at the store No. 19 Nassau-st.—Attractive sale of rich and valuable Fancy Furs, comprising Hudson Bay sable on mantles, talmas, tippets, victorines, muffs and cuffs, marten sable, bau marten, mink sable, stone marten, French sable, fitch marten, rock marten, imperial ermine, lynx, squirrel, &c. The above goods were got up expressly for Broadway trade, being fresh made, and well worthy the attention of ladies and gentlemen, who will find it to their advantage to attend this sale. Also, an assortment of sleigh robes, gloves, fur collars, carriage muffs, &c.

GEORGE COOK, Auctioneer.

LARGE SALE—OF SECOND HAND FURNITURE, being that of a family giving up housekeeping, and removed for convenience of sale. On FRIDAY (to-morrow) Dec. 14, at 10½ o'clock, at store No. 111 Nassau-st., near Beekman; after which a splendid stock of new and elegant furniture, viz: Parlor, dining-room and chamber suites, sideboards, wardrobes, sideboard, extension dining tables, chairs, rockers, bedsteads, bureaus, washstands, mattresses, palliasses, &c. Sale positive. Catalogues on morning of sale.

JOHN L. VANDEWATER, Auctioneer.

SPLENDID SALE OF REAL INDIA AND CAMELS' HAIR SHAWLS—Being an invoice from Lahore viâ England, to be sold on foreign account, THIS DAY, Dec. 13, at 10½ o'clock, at the stores Nos. 46 and 48 Broad-st. The assortment comprises square and long shawls, plain and figured centres in blue, green, scarlet and white, the whole forming the richest assortment in market.

J. E. VAN ANTWERP, Auctioneer.

HARDWARE.—J. E. VAN ANTWERP will sell, THIS DAY, at 10 o'clock, at No. 276 Pearl-st., 200 packages and lots of hardware, cutlery, &c.; also, 1 case accordeons, 100 cards Greaves & Son's fine knives, scissors, &c.; also, 200 hs. green shoe thread, 100 fancy clocks, an invoice of German goods, assorted; shovels, locks, hinges, &c.; 3 cases single and double guns and pistols. Terms, 90 days, $100 and upwards.

JOSEPH HEGEMAN, Auctioneer.

BY JOSEPH HEGEMAN—FRIDAY, Dec. 14, at 10 o'clock A. M., at the salesroom formerly occupied by the National Academy of Design, No. 663 Broadway, opposite Bond-st., a rare and valuable collection of pictures, consisting of nearly 200 original specimens of the works of celebrated artists, both ancient and modern, selected and imported from various cabinets and studies in Europe, by Mr. J. P. Beaumont, and containing pictures by the following masters: Murillo, Paladesio, Tintoretto, Marasseo, Paul Brill, &c., &c.; as also of modern artists of the Dusseldorf, Belgian, and other schools, as well as fine works by Huntington and the late Gilbert Stuart, whose fame stands so high in this country. They may be examined on MONDAY the 17th inst., from 9 till 5 o'clock, and daily till sale; which, for the convenience of purchasers residing up town, will take place at 7½ P. M. The rooms will be lighted on WEDNESDAY EVENING until 10 P. M. Catalogues will be ready on SATURDAY the 15th inst., at the office of the Auctioneer, No. 11 Wall and No. 2 New-st.

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THE STANWIX HALL TRAGEDY.

THE CURTAIN FALLS.

Speech of Mr. Whiting on behalf of the Prosecution.

THE JUDGE'S CHARGE.

MR. BRADY'S PROTEST ON THE PART OF THE PRISONER.

FOURTEENTH DAY.

COURT OF OYER AND TERMINER.

Before Hon. Judge Roosevelt.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 12, 1855.

The Court opened this morning at 11 o'clock. The assemblage was very large, and the public excitement profound. No adequate idea could be given of the intense interest which was exhibited by the spectators, and of the solemnity with which the proceedings became invested as the day drew to an end and the Judge rose to deliver his charge.

At a few minutes past 11, shortly after the opening of the Court, Mr. Whiting rose to sum up the case for the people.

The Court gave orders to the officers to prevent persons from passing and repassing through the doors whilst the counsel was occupied in his address.

Mr. Whiting said that he was not at all disturbed by the opening and shutting of the doors. He thought that this case was of so much importance, that every citizen who was anxious to hear any portion of it should have an opportunity of doing so.

Some manifestations of applause were made in a corner of the Court, which Mr. Bartholf, the Officer, promptly suppressed, observing that "this was not a theatre."

The Judge—Persons using applause or disapprobation of any kind, will be removed immediately by the officer. It is proper that an audience here should bear in mind that is a place for the administration of justice, and especially so when an individual is on trial for his life; but, above all things, order should be observed in such a case, if not for the sake of the Bench individually, it is for the sake of the sovereignty of the people itself, which is represented in these courts of justice.

MR. WHITING'S ADDRESS ON BEHALF OF THE PEOPLE.

Mr. Whiting rose amid the most impressive stillness, and said:

On the morning of the 25th of February last, William Poole, at Stanwix Hall, received two wounds, one on the leg, the other on the breast, the ball perforating his heart. He survived these wounds until about the 8th of March, when he died on the morning of that day. The wound in the breast, which had penetrated his heart, produced his death. On the 11th of March, shrouded by the stars and stripes of his country, he was placed in his coffin. He was borne from his house to his grave, leaving behind him a widow and child. Thousands of his fellow-citizens followed that lifeless body. Teeming thousands lined the streets through which it passed. It was a glorious morning. It was a morning such as this. All nature was at peace. Thus he died; and thus was buried the body of William Poole. Is this a fitting day for the contemplation of the question how came he by his death? Is it a fitting day for us to inquire by whose hand that death was inflicted, and under what circumstances? We are here to administer justice, not vengeance. And, in the discussion of this question, if I should happen to be betrayed by an earnestness which is sometimes mistaken for vehemence, all this audience understand that it is no place for the exhibition either of admiration, applause or disapproval, but that they should remember they are in the very temple of the living God, and that when He ministers here the whole earth should be silent. There is nothing more like Him than the administration of justice.

The counsel adverted to the duty of Jurors to find the truth and to render their verdict accordingly, irrespective of feeling or prejudice of any character, and proceeded to speak of the importance of the issues at stake in this trial. It had ceased, he said, to be a question between public justice and Lewis Baker; it had become a question of life and death to the peaceful citizen. He alluded to the assertion by the counsel who had addressed the Jury for the prisoner, that every man in this community might carry a pistol without violating the law. While declining to argue whether or not the law was such as the counsel declared it to be, he denied that morality justified such an act, and condemned the prisoner for having resorted to armed violence, instead of to the peaceful power of the law for protection against Poole, if he considered himself in danger. And having killed Poole, he continued, could not Mr. Baker and his counsel have come into this Court and defended this case, without the necessity of traducing the character of Poole in the manner in which it had been done. The learned counsel proceeded to speak of the character of Baker's associations, as a fact destroying the presumption that his character was of that mild, quiet, inoffensive and peaceable nature which his counsel claimed for him. He adverted to the engagement between Baker, Turner and Hyer at Platt's, as exhibiting the heroism of Hyer and the dastardly character of his assailants. A glowing eulogy on America as the home of liberty and the asylum for the oppressed of all climes; a reference to the blessings of civil and religious liberty, derived to the human race from the act of a German monk; a passing allusion to the question as to the comparative superiority of the Celtic and Saxon races; an opinion as to the great party now overspreading the land being based upon a fatal and a rotten principle; a very humble estimate of Mr. Morrissey's moral qualities, as exhibited in the affray between him and Poole at Stanwix Hall; an estimate of Poole's manliness proportionately high; and a powerful denunciation of the mode in which justice is mal-administered and municipal office abused, with the suggestion that a higher recompence would remove the liabilities to temptation;—these various points were handled successively and in detail by the learned counsel, before he reached the incidents in which Baker was an actor, and which immediately preceded the affray at Stanwix Hall, in which Poole received his death wound. The prisoner argued that it was a fair inference that Baker remained in Stanwix Hall after the affray between Poole and Morrissey, until Poole returned. He showed from the evidence that Baker then went for Turner, and contended that the subsequent acts of these parties established the fact of a conspiracy to pick a quarrel with Poole, and, under pretence of it, to kill him, beyond question. Several allusions were made to the subject of nationality—the learned gentleman dealing very severely with the counsel on the opposite side for having referred at all to such a subject, asserting that the act of naturalization was to transform a man from a native of any other land into an American, and making some allusions of a character which could hardly be considered as flattering to citizens of foreign, and especially of Irish, birth. Then the affair at the Gem was introduced, by way of episode, and then came up the subject proper—the second affray at Stanwix Hall.

The circumstances of the second affray were narrated at full length. Poole was declared to have been the party attacked, the evidence was brought to bear on the fact of his entire innocence; the theory that Turner's second shot struck Poole in the knee was admitted to be untenable, and the positions, declarations, and acts of the parties from the time they entered and Paudeen locked the door, in order, as the counsel argued, to prevent people outside from coming in before the murder of Poole was accomplished, until the time Poole and Baker clinched and fell on the floor, were given in minute detail.

Here a recess of 15 minutes took place, after which The learned gentleman resumed by saying that if Poole was shot in the leg and staggered forward, was it at all probable that Baker, who was not then shot, would have fallen underneath Poole? Even had Baker been under, he could not have fired a pistol to inflict a wound corresponding to the holes in the waistcoat—taken from the body of Poole. This dumb witness, the waistcoat, proves that Baker was on top of Poole. Did any human being who was in that saloon that night see Poole with a pistol in his hand during that second affray? It is not pretended that he had a pistol from the time this party entered the saloon until the end of the tragedy. Besides, he was backed up against the washstand; Paudeen was in front of him, boxing him; how could Poole have fired a pistol from under his coat while Paudeen, Baker, and Turner were around him? and as his hands were placed behind him, how could he have fired a pistol in front of him? Even if Poole had shot from under his coat, he would have been justified in firing. Counsel produced Poole's coat, and instituted a careful examination of the holes in that garment, proposing to show that Poole could not have fired a pistol from underneath his overcoat. He alluded to the experiments which have been made in reference to the effect of pistol shots upon clothing, since the commencement of this trial.

In regard to Poole's threats against Baker, (that he would cut off his ears and nose, &c.) Mr. Whiting argued that these were but little sallies of his, (Poole's,) never intended to be carried into effect, and never attempted to be carried into effect. The prosecution had refrained from placing Mrs. Poole upon the stand to testify that this was her husband's coat, and that when he was brought home in it, it was in the same condition then as it is now. Counsel did not know Mrs. Poole, nor did he know the orphan child; they had not sought to excite the sympathies of the Jury—such belonged to Mr. Baker; all reasonable doubts belonged to Mr. Baker. To the prosecution simply belongs the truth. Is it to be credited that Poole fired four shots and hit Baker, and yet not a solitary individual saw him fire a pistol or heard him fire. The holes in Poole's coat, too, indicate that he was undermost. Counsel proceeded to prove the identity of Poole's pistol, which was discharged, but one out of his pocket when he fell into the arms of Dan Sheer.

Again, what took Baker to the saloon, and what did he do when he got there? To recover my Hyer, it is said. But Hyler lived at Stanwix Hall. He was going home. Was it necessary for five men to see him home to protect him? And if he was in really afraid of his life, why did he go into the bar-room, instead of entering the private door that led to his own apartments? No; the parties who accompanied Hyler to Stanwix Hall did not go with him to protect him. The party who went to the saloon that night, with Baker in their company, were men whose home is in strife and aggression—their pleasures are in the cup—their pastime in the roulette-table and the sweat-cloth—their amusements, playing with human life—their crowning glory, murder. The road they follow leads to death. Counsel for defence had argued that Baker had no home, and so was led into evil associations. But Hyler had a home—why did he not go to it, instead of entering the saloon? Morrissey had a wife. Did he go home? Not at all—he was running around the streets, drinking at every shop, paying no regard to the feelings of his family. Baker had a mother; his reflections over her green grave should have brought back his early recollections, and turned him from the strange and wayward paths which lead to destruction, toward the road which leads to life. But he had a father, and his heart now echoes over the peril in which his son now stands—his heart-strings crack at every word I am called, in the performance of my duty, to utter,—his heart bleeds at the knowledge that his son must be consigned to the scales of even-handed justice. With all these endearments of family ties, did Baker say—I will arise and go to my father, and to my father's house, where there is enough and to spare? No; he chose rather to eat of the corn-stalks and the sheaves, to remain with his vile associates, to take up the murderous pistol, and take into his heart the idea of revenge—revenge.

Counsel recapitulated the course of events at Stanwix Hall on the night of the pistol occurrence—cast ridicule upon the point raised by the defence that Maguire was a boy—a bald-headed gentleman who had carried newspapers since the year 1831—argued that Baker had armed himself in order to be prepared to take Poole's life on the first favorable opportunity, that he resigned his commission in the Police in order to be untrammeled in the accomplishment of his purpose; that Poole never went in his way; but that Baker followed Poole and that he followed Hyer.

In reference to the appeal of defence to the nationality of Jurors, Mr. Whiting was very severe. We are indebted to the improvement in European Society for the importation into this country of a set of vagabonds, who, with a bold front, like Satan of old, defy public opinion, brave the Bench, the Bar and the Jury: the sooner we put an end to their acts of violence, the better. If any Juryman suffered his nationality to interfere with the decision he *was required to give in this case, he was a* perjured villain, and had no right to sit in that Jury-box,—for naturalization is in its very nature a transformation of all nationalities into a pure American. Mr. Whiting denounced the spirit of mobocracy, which was awakened by appeals to nationality such as that which the counsel for defence had indulged in before this Jury. He (Mr. Whiting) had himself once experienced the effect of this spirit in his own case; a mob had gathered before his own front door, for a cause more trivial than any which has affected the progress of this case.

Mr. Clark (interrupting) earnestly denied that in his argument for the defence he had appealed to the nationalities or prejudices of the Jury.

Mr. Whiting reiterated the charge.

Mr. Clark—You know I did not mean to.

Mr. Whiting—Well, that's another matter.

Mr. Brady saw a little of the spirit of mobocracy in the remarks of these learned gentlemen.

Mr. Whiting passed to a consideration of Mr. Clark's personal imputations upon himself. He had been styled "a hound." Counsel, in his zeal for his client, forgot himself. He transcended the boundary line of professional intercourse. He did himself greater injustice than he inflicted upon us. Mr. Whiting also animadverted with much severity upon what he termed the attempt of the defence to put the stiletto in the character of the dead man—and so to commit a double murder.

He concluded:

With these remarks, gentlemen, believing that you will do your duty to your country, to your God, and to your oath, I submit this case to your patient, calm and unprejudiced consideration, believing that the community will hold you only to that responsibility which truth justifies them in holding you to;

"She seeks no victor's crown to wear;
Her path is upward toward the sky,—
Secure she calls the upper air,
Excelsior! flashes from her eye."

You will pass upon the case, gentlemen.

There was perfect silence when the learned gentleman sat down.

JUDGE'S CHARGE.

His Honor Judge ROOSEVELT then delivered the following CHARGE to the Jury:

I do not propose, gentlemen, going again over the whole of this case. A few of the views which have particularly struck my own mind is all that I shall present, relying, as I do, upon your recollection for details, and requesting you, at the same time, from step to step as I proceed, to carry with you the arguments, explanations and suggestions which the learned counsel for the prisoner has so eloquently and feelingly presented to you, and to compare them fairly and fearlessly with those which may fall from the Bench. For, gentlemen, although it is not only the right, but the duty of the Court to aid you in your search after truth, it is your province, and I may add, your responsibility, on your oaths to find it, and when found, firmly and impartially to declare it, leaving the consequences, whether of conviction or acquittal, where under the law they properly belong. With those consequences, except as I shall presently explain to you, you gentlemen—fortunately for yourselves—have nothing to do.

According to the classification adopted by the Statute of this State—differing in that respect from some other States of the Union—murder, although in its nature the highest degree of manslaughter, is made in law a distinct offence, punishable (unless mitigated by the Executive or the Legislature) with death. And yet, under an indictment for murder it is competent to the Jury, if in their view the evidence requires or admits of it, to bring in a verdict of manslaughter in the first, second, third, or fourth degree; thus, in effect, reducing the penalty of the offence from death to imprisonment for a term of years, or, it may be, even to a mere pecuniary fine. It will be for you, therefore, gentlemen, to determine, according as you may ascertain the facts to be, whether this is a case of murder or of manslaughter, or of neither the one nor the other.

There is no dispute, gentlemen, that Poole, the deceased, whose death is the cause of the indictment before you, was killed by Baker, the prisoner at the bar. The only question really in issue—but that involves in its consideration many subordinate points of inquiry—relates to the motive or inducement to the deed. Killing a human being is not necessarily murder, nor is it necessarily a criminal act. If done in self-defence, and under apprehension of violence, the act may be justifiable; but in that case, the apprehension must be real and reasonable, the danger imminent, and the threatened harm of such a character as to be fairly denominated, in the language of the statute, "great personal injury." The reckless and unnecessary discharge of a loaded pistol, in a manner evincing a depravity of heart regardless of human life, even without any premeditated design to effect the death of any particular individual, if death ensues, is murder.

Applying those principles to the facts of the present case, so far as we can ascertain them, let us see to what conclusion they lead.

Baker, it appears, at about the hour of 1 o'clock at night, accompanied by five other persons—himself and two of them, as was their or his ordinary habit, armed with loaded pistols—entered the then newly opened eating and drinking establishment called Stanwix Hall, situated in the most public part of the most public street of this City. And the question is—it is the first question to be answered by you—what led these men there at that hour of the night, and what induced them to enter, when they saw the shutters up, and the place, seemingly, at least—it being now Sunday—closed for the night?

There had been, the evidence shows, about three or four hours previous, a fracas in this same place, in the presence of some fifty or sixty spectators, of whom Baker was one. Morrissey and Poole, it is true, were the actors; Baker, although probably armed at the time, taking no part, and even refusing to Morrissey the use of his pistol, until the police entered and put a stop to the proceeding. Baker, however, although he took no part, seems to have taken some interest in the affair, for we find him immediately after, at about 9 or 10 o'clock, seeking for Turner at Mr. Allen's, in Lispenard-street, saying that there had been a muss between Poole and Morrissey at Stanwix Hall. Not finding Turner—who, it seems, denied himself—he took an omnibus and went up town. He probably stopped, although that is not certain, in the neighborhood of Howard-street. Who he consulted with—if he consulted with anybody—does not appear, except as it may be inferred from subsequent events. All we know is, that about half-past 9 or 10 o'clock, or perhaps later, he took a hack at the corner of Howard-street and got out again at the corner of Broome, and in a few minutes was seen turning back into Broadway, in company with five or six others. We next find him—for the second time—at Allen's Hotel, in Lispenard-street, discussing the Morrissey affair, in company with Paudeen, Turner, Hyler, Van Pelt, Morrissey, and others. This was as late as 12 o'clock, or thereabouts. How long they had been together is not shown, as the proprietor, who was the witness, had gone down town, and been away from his bar-room for two hours or more. Nor does it appear at what hour after twelve they left Lispenard-street. It does appear, however, that the same party, except Morrissey, who, after the first affray, had given his word to the officer, and kept it, not to go about Canal-street, at about one o'clock came together into the City Hotel, so called, another saloon, at the southwest corner of Howard-street and Broadway, and there drank and talked, but not loud enough to be overheard. Poole's saloon, you will recollect—for he too kept such an establishment—was at the opposite corner, in a diagonal direction; but it had been closed for the night, soon after twelve, Poole himself having left more than two hours previously. From the City Hotel—such I think is the fair inference from the evidence—the six persons named, who had been drinking and conversing together, proceeded along four blocks up Broadway, until they reached Stanwix Hall, which they must have entered as late as, if not later than, 1½ o'clock. Why did they leave the City Hotel, when, for aught that appears, they were perfectly well accommodated, to visit, at that unseemly hour of the night, another establishment, having no greater drinking convenience, unless it was to renew, as Baker expressed it, "the ball which had been opened there," in the early part of the evening? If they merely wanted liquor—of which they already had a great deal too much—they would naturally have taken it at the City Hotel, and from thence have gone direct to their beds. Why, too, when they saw the shutters closed, and knew that Saturday night had already advanced into Sunday morning, why did they persevere in entering? Did they not know that Poole was there, or if not, could they not easily have informed themselves? At all events, when on entering, if not before, they actually saw him, why did they not desist and withdraw? Why, on the contrary, did Paudeen, the last who entered, lock the door behind him, seemingly, for such appears to be the only inference, to preclude any outside interference? Such an entry, under all the circumstances, of six men, three of them armed with deadly weapons, at such an hour of the night, and especially so soon after the previous affray, of which they were cognizant, on the same evening, unless fully and satisfactorily explained, cannot fail to give rise to very serious suspicions. If they went there to shoot, even in the way of pastime, intending no bodily harm, (of which, however, there is no pretence,) they must have known it to be unlawful. Or if they went there to drink merely—I mean, to indulge an inordinate passion for liquor—they equally knew, or at all events were bound to know, that such a "frequenting," as the law expresses it, "of tippling houses," on a Sunday, was also a violation of law. What then—the question recurs—was the motive of these six men, and especially of the one now on trial, for that unlawful and suspicious visit? You, and the Court and the public, who feel and have a right to feel a deep interest in this trial, will naturally, at this the threshold of the bloody drama that followed, pause for a reply. What had the prisoner at the bar, from 8 or 9 o'clock in the evening until 1 o'clock the next morning, an interval of four or five hours—what, I say, had he been doing or consulting or purposing to do? He, of course, best knew his own movements and was best able to answer that question. The prosecution, in a measure, had to grope in the dark. They, however, have given us something—as much, I think, as could reasonably have been expected from them. And that something—be it more or less—tends, in a degree at least, though not very strongly, to show concert and deliberation, especially when taken in connection with omitted explanations which, it would seem, might have been, but have not been, very fully given. But this is not all; there was a bad feeling existing between the parties—existing before the first affair of the same evening. For Poole's counsel, acting, no doubt, on expressions dropped from his client, had advised Baker to keep out of Poole's way, and Baker thinking, and, perhaps, rightly, that Poole had been guilty of gross wrong in the affair of the Masons, had declared to Brewer, holding out his pistol at the time, that "if Poole ever interfered with him he would shoot him as quick as he would a rat."

We will now, for the better understanding of the subsequent scene, leave the Baker party, so called, for a moment, standing at the door, while we take a brief survey of the men and the then existing state of things inside.

Poole, you will recollect, who, after the miserable farce at the Police station, which succeeded to the semi-tragical performance between himself and Morrissey at the Stanwix Hall, had returned again, about 10 o'clock, to the same place, was still engaged, as he had been for three hours or more previous, in the inordinate indulgence of his appetite for champagne. We may easily imagine his condition. Although not drunk, according to the grosser acceptation of the term, he was, no doubt—I use the expression for the want of a better—in what is usually denominated a maudlin state; but not quarrelsome, entertaining every body around him—and the number was about a dozen, including the proprietor of the house and the hackman whose carriage was at the door—with the most profuse liberality. At the particular moment in question he was standing with his back to the bar, one arm resting on the counter, near the street, and about ten or twelve feet from the baize door, with Campbell, Ingersoll and McDonough near him, and drinking his champagne with him—two bottles of which, under the allegation that they had been ordered ten minutes before 12, in addition to his previous supply, were furnished him after Sunday had commenced. His other friends, Shay, Lozier, Harris and the two Ackersons were also in the saloon; and had, no doubt, shared, and were still sharing in his ill-judged hospitality, and talking over the occurrence of the early part of the evening, when Baker and his party—whether by preconcert and design it is for you to judge—came in.

They all, as they opened the inner baize door, if not before, saw Poole standing and leaning, as already described, with his back against the counter. None of them, notwithstanding—although difficulty of some kind or other seemed inevitable if they persisted—none of them, I say, withdrew. And this is the more remarkable when we remember—and the affair was no doubt fresh in Baker's recollection—the shocking consequences of the unheeded advice of Mr Shaffer, when Baker so needlessly, and, as it appears to me, so perversely got himself involved in the quarrel at another drinking saloon in Broadway, called the Gem, and was so savagely maltreated by Poole. The expressions, too, of Poole—evincing the same deadly hatred—uttered in the City Hall only a few weeks previous, in the very face and hearing of Baker, could not have been forgotten. And Baker, moreover, had been a witness to the treatment received by his friend, Morrissey, on the very same evening. He knew, moreover, that the hour had arrived when it was no longer lawful for him to visit such a place for the purpose of tippling, nor lawful for the keeper of it to sell strong or spirituous liquors to him, or to any person, not being a traveler or lodger. And yet he and his party—in spite of all the warning which past experience had given them, and which the law confirmed—persisted in their purpose, advancing in the face of Poole to the same counter against which he was reclining, and taking their position—all except Paudeen—within a few feet of him. What, on the part of Baker, was the motive of this proceeding? What, unless it were active hostility or unwarrantable defiance? And is not this inference confirmed by the conduct of his companion, if not confederate, Paudeen, who, immediately on entering, addressed Poole in the most insulting language, and inflicted on him, as all the witnesses concur in stating (three times repeated,) the most irritating of all possible indignities—so much so, that had Poole shot him dead on the instant, few men of those who are called men of spirit, whatever the law may be, would have condemned the act. If this outrage of Paudeen's was in any degree concerted between him and Baker, it would be idle, as it seems to me, to pretend that the subsequent killing of Poole by Baker was in self defence. The case, in that view, would be parallel with the case of Ward and the school teacher, in Kentucky, the result of which received, as it deserved, the condemnation of all right judging men.

Again if Baker's intentions were peaceful, why, when he saw his companion provoking a deadly strife which he could so easily have prevented—why, I say, did he not interfere, especially when he knew that while he himself was sober, his companion, if not drunk, was at least excited by liquor? And, why, when Turner, another of his companions, drew and pointed his pistol at Poole—Poole at the time keeping his pistol in his pocket—why, I say, did he not then interfere? Why, unless it was that, smarting under the supposed wrongs of Poole, on himself and his friends, he was rather willing than otherwise that Poole should be spit upon and slaughtered?

Such motives—if they existed—and the conduct flowing from them, may be in accordance with the rules of savage life. In a civilized and Christian community they never can be tolerated.

Be the motives, however, what they may, it is certain, on the whole evidence, that until Poole had received the first shot—proceeding, it is alleged, from the pistol of Turner, and directing in a measure one of Poole's legs—Baker did nothing. But soon as Poole received that wound and staggered forward, and, in falling, either seized, or was seized by Baker, the action of Baker commenced. Both he and Poole came down together, Poole at the time having no pistol in his hand, (although it is clear he had one in his pocket,) while Baker had one openly displayed—and it is on this act of the drama—an act of but a moment's duration—that the question of the guilt or innocence of the prisoner (so far at least as respects the charge of murder) depends.

If the leading witnesses on the part of the prosecution—and their testimony is in accordance with the dying declaration of Poole—if they, I say, are to be credited, Baker deliberately and exultingly, and without a shadow of provocation or justification, (except the inadmissible one of long antecedent wrongs,) while Poole was down and suffering under the wound inflicted by Turner, shot him to the heart and fled. Is this version true?

To answer this question we will first give the version itself a little more in detail. Poole, then on his death-bed, in effect says, "Baker killed me; I did not fire."

"Poole," says Harris, "fell against the wall, drawing Baker on his, Baker's, knee; I ran as closely down to them as I could get, and saw the flash of a pistol in Baker's hand; it was within six inches of Poole's breast; the pistol was directed right to Poole's breast, the left side; I did not see Poole fire any pistol at all; I did not see him have any."

"Mr. Harris," says Dean, "gave as good an idea of their position (Poole's and Baker's) as I could, only Baker might have been leaning with his hand on the floor; Baker had his pistol pointed to Poole's breast; it was about two or three inches off; I saw Baker fire; before the firing by Baker, I heard him say, 'I will put an end to this,' or 'to you;' he used one of these expressions; he fired the moment he said that."

James Ackerson, after describing the position of the parties—Poole under and Baker on one knee—swears that "Baker said, 'I'll take you anyhow,' and fired a pistol at his breast."

Shay's statement is, that Baker, "putting a pistol to his (Poole's) breast, said, 'I guess I'll take you, anyhow,' and fired right down in his breast, and that Poole, in his (Shay's) judgment, did not fire at all that night."

Jacob Ackerson, a brother of James, swears he saw Poole and Baker fall; Poole went down, and Baker over him, on one knee; "I saw the flash of a pistol between Baker and Poole; Baker fired the; I saw a pistol in Baker's hand; I saw none in Poole's; Baker held the pistol right down at Poole's breast when he fired."

Here are not only two or three (material admitted one,) but seven witnesses directly to the fact. Is their version true? Does it overlook nothing, suppress nothing, and color nothing, material to a fair and just impression of the actual occurrence? If so—whatever might be the judgment of fighting men—the offence, in the eye of the law, I am compelled to say, would be murder—a murder, I admit, as to the punishment at which a Jury might very naturally desire to effect, and might very properly recommend to the executive magistrate to grant a justifiable mitigation; but of which, nevertheless, it would be their duty to pronounce the party guilty, leaving the exercise of the desired clemency to that branch of the government to which, and to which alone, in such a case, it constitutionally belongs.

So much of the version of these witnesses as relates to the mere fact of the killing of Poole by Baker is scarcely, if at all, disputed. We may assume that fact, at all events, as clearly established; and being so, the law immediately throws the burden of proof, of any alleged justification, on the accused.

Has the accused then, in this case, given such proof—or can we from all the evidence fairly infer—that he killed Poole in the exercise of the legitimate right of self-defence, and not from a reckless disregard of human life, or in revenge or satisfaction of antecedent wrongs? Mitchell, who, although called as a witness by the prosecution, is not unfriendly to the accused, gives a narrative of the affair differing somewhat in its tendency from that of the other witnesses, and making it out that not only Poole and Baker, but Lozier also, a brother-in-law of Poole, were down together. He says, however, that as soon as these three fell, the company closed around them, and he saw no more. Mitchell, you will recollect, as soon as Turner had fired—which was the first shot, as all agree—being behind the counter, at the end towards Broadway, immediately ran to the back room, and from there saw Turner, whose arm had been shattered by his own ball, and who had fallen in consequence of the wound, crawling towards the door on his hands and knees. Mitchell, therefore, part of the time, must have been with his back towards the parties, and when he turned to look must have been distant from them about forty feet, if not more—the main saloon being about fifty feet in length. His opportunities of vision, consequently, were too imperfect to allow his testimony on the main point in question to outweigh, or even materially weaken, the direct evidence of the other witness. And the same remark, in a great degree, is applicable to the account given by the defendant's witness, McDonough. "When I looked out of the closet," says McDonough, "I saw Baker on the floor, under Poole, and Shay and Ackerson standing near, and all of them firing." As McDonough, it seems, was in the act of easing Turner's fall—which was immediately upon the first shot—and trying, without effect, to get his pistol from him, a ball—fired probably by Paudeen—"passed by his ear," and induced him to fly from the danger. "At the time," says he, "the ball came so close, I took to the closet."

McDonough, therefore, like Mitchell, must, for a few moments, have had his back to the scene, and when he turned and looked from his place of retreat, must have seen more or less imperfectly, and, as he states also, through a cloud of smoke.

As to Lozier, he admits that he struck Baker with his fist, but says the blow was given while Baker was on or over Poole. His himself, however, having almost immediately received a shot in the head from some unknown hand, became insensible, or at least in a very confused state of mind, and incapable of further observation.

From this brief review—and it is unnecessary to detain you with further details which your memory will readily supply—you will perceive that there is no direct contradiction of the statement made by Poole and the six first witnesses.

INHERENT IMPROBABILITIES.

We come then, next, to the inherent probabilities of the case. Baker and Poole were in the habit (and had been for a long time) of carrying pistols; Poole, on the occasion in question, undoubtedly had a pistol in his pocket; and Baker is certainly had a pistol in his hand. That Baker discharged his at the person of Poole may be assumed. But whether Poole discharged his or drew it out for the purpose is a question. That he made no open demonstration of the weapon is a fact in which all concur. He even kept it in his pocket undrawn while the half-drunken Paudeen was spitting in his face, and when he drew his hands from his pockets, and held them up exclaiming, (if he did so,) "Are you going to murder me," his hands were empty. And although it may be, and probably is, true, that he transferred his pistol from his breast pocket to the pocket of his pantaloons, at the same time cocking it, although from having heard the argument of the counsel for the prosecution, I confess I have some doubt upon this point—yet the same evidence which proves the fact, if it be a fact, proves also that it was done quietly and unobtrusively—without no display of the weapon and uttered no threats, and no man of the large number present saw him fire. The pistol, too, if the one handed up shortly after to the police magistrate be the one he dropped from Poole that night—a point I shall presently consider—had every barrel loaded and undischarged. And he himself, when interrogated by his physician on his dying bed, and fully conscious that in a few short moments—instead of a weak and imperfect tribunal of man's creation—he was to appear before the bar of that august Being from whose all-searching eye there is no escape—Poole himself, I say, thus testifying, and without evincing any asperity towards the man who had taken his life, solemnly averred, (as to his part in the bloody affair) that he had not fired a shot that night.

In what way, approving itself to an impartial inquirer after truth, is this mass of evidence, both negative and affirmative, sought to be reconciled?

First, It is said that Poole and the other principal witnesses for the People, are not to be believed on oath. You will judge whether they have been guilty, or are likely to have been guilty of deliberate perjury.

Secondly—It is said that Baker was a peaceable, quiet, good natured man, who was not in the least likely to have killed any human being without justifiable cause.

Thirdly—That Poole had maltreated Baker on former occasions, and had uttered contemptuous and hostile threats in regard to him, and was therefore likely to have been the aggressor.

Fourthly—That Poole's overcoat which he had on that evening, and which before was perfectly sound, was discovered immediately after the affray with three or more bullet holes in one of its skirts, indicating that muffled shots from the wearer himself had been fired through it.

As to the second ground, gentlemen, it cannot but have occurred to you, that if Baker was by nature a quiet, peaceable citizen, he had a most unaccountable passion for disorderly scenes, and disorderly associates—a passion, which even the most painful experience (I allude particularly to Mr. Shaffer's account of the affray at the saloon next to the Broadway Theatre,) had no power to control.

As to the third ground, the previous brutal character and brutal conduct of Poole, especially in his intercourse with Baker, it must have struck you, I think, in the course of the trial, I find I noted the idea down in my minutes, while the evidence was being given, and which may as well be expressed in the language I then used—that

"The outrages perpetrated by Poole, on previous occasions, against Baker, or Baker's friends, be they ever so atrocious and ever so correctly narrated, furnish no legal justification for deliberately, without legal process, taking his life; while on the other hand in a balanced state of evidence (if such were this case) they would constitute a strong corroborating circumstance, to show probable resentment in the mind of Baker and the probable consequences of such a state of feeling."

And we accordingly find that Baker, as in the affray next to the Theatre, instead of avoiding Poole, and retiring at once when he saw him, if not to his bed, so he should have done, at least from the place where he had already witnessed one fracas the same evening, persisted in entering after the proprietor had, in effect, given notice that his place was closed for the night; and that, too, under the pretence, or, if you please, with the *bona fide* motive—if such a motive, under the circumstances, could be *bona fide*—of indulging in more liquor.

Can any man doubt what Baker's feelings were, and in what state of excitement, when he entered Stanwix Hall the second time that night, in company with his five associates—three of whom were fighting characters, and all of whom were fresh from their bar-room discussions, on the enormity, we may suppose, as they considered it, of Poole's conduct three hours before at the same place, and towards their friend Morrissey? Did he not see his friend Paudeen instantly commencing a quarrel with Poole; and instead of interfering, as a good citizen should have done, to restore peace, did he not coolly stand by and allow the grossest insults to be three times repeated without even uttering a word of remonstrance? Did he not, although unwilling to do anything in aid of peace, persist in remaining and in indirectly, by his presence, countenancing the outrages of his associate? With all this, is there anything improbable in the sworn statement of Ackerson and Dean, that Baker, when pointing and discharging his pistol directly into into Poole's breast, said "I'll put an end to this," or to you, or "I'll take you anyhow," or uttered some expression of like import, indicating a feeling not of defence, but of what he probably considered justifiable revenge?

As to the fourth ground—the bullet holes made on the occasion in Poole's overcoat—you will recollect that, after Turner commenced the firing, some eight or nine discharges from him and others indiscriminately took place, before the curtain dropped. Indeed, according to the language used by Poole, as he was breathing his last, the bullets would seem to have fallen like the scattering of a handful of corn. It is not necessary, therefore, in addition to his other sins, to convict the dead man of perjury, in order to explain the condition of his garment. He swears he did not fire at all, and no witness, unless it be the silent garment openly exposed, swears he did. And shall we, upon the ambiguous givings out of that senseless compound of wool and cotton, which Poole took no pains to conceal, deliberately adjudge that the dying man, without motive, permitted himself to plunge into the dark and unfathomed ocean of eternity with a lie upon his lips and perjury on his soul?

It has seemed to my mind, gentlemen—I cannot say how it may have struck yours—that this features in the defence, this object of the counsel, taken in connection with the evidence, and with the opinion I have expressed of the character of the evidence, contrasts most unfavorably with the spirit evinced by the accused when he first heard of the shooting. "I know my boy," he exclaimed, "I know my boy." He appeared, and in other respects did, feel that whose son was dying, was hardly to be detained, by a mere ceremony or form, without motive, snuffed the pistol he had in his pocket, and then, on his coming, fired two shots with no hope of hitting, and then two days for reflection, grave before him, without motive, coolly deliberately swears that he had not fired at all. If Baker adopted this version of the transaction to be true, can it be credited that he would not have taken some pains at the time, by himself or friends, to have secured the pistol whose vacant barrels would have told the tale? Why did he leave the whole proof on this point to the unassisted labors of the public prosecutor? Why, unless from the conviction that the pistol, if produced and its identity established, would, from its undisturbed condition, have demonstrated that no ball had issued from it that night? I answer, perhaps, the fact as to the completely loaded pistol which had been produced by the prosecution and turned back to the prisoner, was, at the time, received it is to Poole's, but not from Poole, there is a defect in the chain of evidence to establish its identity. Still there is some evidence, and what there is, although impaired, is strengthened, to a degree at least, by the absence of any effort on the part of the prisoner to produce the pistol, if it be different, and by his concealment and flight.

But how, it will be asked, if Poole did not fire, did Baker receive his wounds?

Baker, you will recollect, if Mitchell and McDonough are correct in their impressions, was for an instant, at least, on the floor beside Poole, struggling with him. Why, then, at that moment may not a ball from Turner's pistol, which fired four times, have passed over Baker's head, from front to rear, through the flesh above the bone, and another ball from the same pistol have passed through the vest and outside shirt, (exhibited to us,) and lacerated the skin in indenting, without entering, the surface of his abdomen? There is no impossibility in this theory, and no improbability. And if it is well established, that where testimony can be reconciled it shall be in preference to imputing perjury to the witnesses.

If, then, it be true that Poole, according to his dying words, did not fire at all, is there any ground for supposing that he pointed or displayed his pistol towards Baker in a manner reasonably to create and to justify, whether well founded or not, an apprehension of great bodily harm and imminent danger? It can discover no such testimony in the case—if there is you will recollect it. And even if there were some evidence slightly tending to show that Poole, when shot, was about to commit to commit some unlawful act, still, if your are convinced that the extreme remedy of killing was unnecessary, the act, although not strictly murder, would in that event be manslaughter in the second degree.

As I have said already, gentlemen, the act of killing being established, the justification rests with the accused. Has he shown any necessity, that any necessity which the law can admit, or which any well-ordered mind can approve—for such an extreme remedy? *His counsel, "admonished," as* he says, "and almost appalled, by the magnitude of the task," has struggled ably and eloquently to that end—and has demonstrated, (as he observes, and as the Court would wish to believe,) from the whole evidence, taken together, and critically analyzed, that all his client did, on that evening, was "to exercise the great right of self-defence."

MISCELLANEOUS LAWS or COUNSEL run through it, but does not this almost Herculean labor carry with it, and strongly suggest, at least one implied and most important admission? The transaction, it will be remembered—I mean the one immediately in issue—was but of a moment's duration. They clinched, and fell, and fired. Baker fired, with intent to kill, and Poole received the mortal ball.

How is it, then, gentlemen, that such a transaction, so brief, should have required so lengthened and so elaborate a vindication? Does not that circumstance suggest doubts at least—doubts already shaping themselves, though not uttered in words—whether the ostensible plea of a legal self-defence, interposed in behalf of the accused, is or does, and whether, unconsciously or otherwise, there may not be lurking behind it another, which, although admissible in a state of public war, and not unfrequently in cases of border warfare, can have no place in time of peace in the Courts of Justice of a civilized community. *Blood feuds* belong to times we leave behind the canoe's mouth—but when war is at an end, and order reigns, or is presumed to reign, the right to avenge injuries, real or imaginary, by deadly weapons, ceases and ought to cease. It is a high—if right it be—pertaining to war and war only—war to be declared and waged by public authorities—and not to mere individual broils. As to those the rule is—and it is a rule essential to good order—that homicide, although committed in provocation however great, if there has been, as the law expresses it, sufficient cooling time for passion to subside and reason to interpose, is deliberate revenge (not heat of blood) and therefore murder. It is not allowed to the private citizen, even if he has his wrongs ever so flagrant, to take the law into his own hands. His duty, so long as society exists, is to appeal to the constituted tribunals. And he could have no right to urge, nor have you or I any right to assume, that such an appeal would be in vain. When that point shall have been reached—it never is—revolution will have commenced and government have terminated. Until then tragedies such as this cannot be enacted with impunity. Some of the actors, if not all, must be responsible, and it is for you

[illegible] of John Poole, and which when [illegible] in the [illegible] of Poole, and which when [illegible] of his life and an inevitable grave before him, he made a certain statement, should we ad[illegible] with a lie upon his lips and perjury upon his soul? But I assert that Dr. Putnam swore, on his cross-examination, that Poole conveyed to him the impression that the shot which he said was falling around him like corn when he was on the floor, came from his foes.

12. Your Honor, in reference to a certain hypothesis of this case, suggested that it would be a case of murder, but a very proper one for the Jury to recommend to mercy. I have conferred with my client, and he is a man of intelligence. He has great respect for this Jury, and a great love of life. Now he authorizes me to say that if this Jury find from the policy of prescribed murder, he would not respect them as citizens if they recommended him to mercy. [Sensation.]

14. Your Honor has stated that the burden of proving justification in this case rested on the accused. I submit to your Honor, and I ask the Court to charge that when, on the testimony of the prosecution itself, there is raised any state of facts from which the conclusion was derivable that the killing was in self-defence, there is no presumption of law existing, but it is a question of fact.

15. I except to all your Honor's remarks as to Mitchell's or McDonough's testimony either being impeachable for any reason, or not being in conflict with the testimony of the prosecution.

16. I except to your Honor's statement that there is no contradiction of the statement made by Poole and the six first witnesses.

17. I except to your Honor's remarks that Baker had a most extraordinary passion for violent scenes.

18. That Baker returned to the place next the theatre under the pretence of indulging in more liquor.

19. That it is not necessary to convict the dead man of perjury, in order to explain the holes in Poole's clothes.

20. That the effort to blacken Poole's character contrasts unfavorably with the spirit evinced by his antagonist.

21. That the proof as to the discovery of the pistol alleged to be Poole's should not have been left to the prosecution alone.

22. I ask your Honor to charge to the Jury as matter of law that Poole's statement to Dr. Putnam that he did not fire is no dying declaration—that a dying declaration does not relate to what the deceased did, but what others did to him. He can go so far as to say who shot Mose—who gave him the wound of which he died, but he cannot say what he did or what he did not.

23. We except to the remark that this case can constitute a manslaughter in the second degree under any circumstances, although it may seem strange that we should take that ground.

24. Finally, I except to your Honor's observation that because the counsel for the prisoner in a capital case in the exercise of his best judgment, and relying on the indulgence of a patient and attentive jury, thought proper to occupy some eight hours, if you chose, in discussing an incident which, though it lasted but a few minutes, required fifteen days of unceasing labor for its investigation,—that that should furnish an inference unfavorable to the innocence of the accused. I have confidence that the Jury will spurn any such conclusion.

Mr. Clerk—I ask that a copy of your Honor's charge be furnished me in this trial.

The Judge—I leave to the Jury, as to many of the points of evidence I stated at the beginning, and I state now, that it is your business to weigh them, and you are the exclusive judges of the facts which they establish. The law gives you that power, and, in my judgment, the same law imposes upon the Court the duty of patiently attending to the evidence as it advances, and of drawing such conclusions from it as the Court may deem proper to state to the Jury, not to control their action, but to aid them in their deliberations. The Judge proceeded to state that if the Jury thought that any facts which the Court supposed were established by the evidence were not so established, they had the power, and it was their duty to say so. He thought it exceedingly probable that, as to some of the points of evidence, such misapprehension may have taken place on the part of the Court. He would give them an example of one, in which the Court may have been right or wrong, and that was as to the first wound received by Poole, and as to the shot by which it was made. Whether that wound was received by a shot from Turner or some other person, the evidence at first would undoubtedly have led to the conclusion that it was by Turner, and they would recollect that even the seeming probability which had been raised by that statement had been met in part, if not entirely, by the fact testified to, he thought, by Mitchell, that Turner, after falling some ten or twelve feet from the corner, dragged himself toward the door, and if they looked at the diagram they would see how that would reconcile the matter.

Mr. Graham—We object to a new summing up of the case.

The Judge—The Court is not summing up; so far as regards the matter of Turner's second shot, he (the Judge) judged, at the evidence was somewhat doubtful whether he inflicted the wound in Poole's leg or not. They (the Jury) were to examine that, as they were to examine every other matter of fact, being entirely subject to their cognizance. The Judge then adverted to the points of law on which he had been asked by the counsel to charge. He adhered to his ruling that it was illegal to visit a tippling-shop after 12 o'clock on Saturday night, but whether the illegality of that act was to influence their judgment materially he would not say. The point stated by counsel, that when the case made by the prosecution involved the fact of self-defence or went into it, the Jury had a right to take the whole of it together, and not have the whole burden of proof on the defence, was a proposition which they might take in the language in which the learned counsel himself gave it. The only other point of law to which the Court would advert was whether there was a case to which the jury could say possibility be a verdict of manslaughter. That question was one that belonged, he thought, entirely to the Jury. The Court was willing, in fact, to go so far, in reference to such a trial as this, as to adopt the maxim that "in a case of life and death the Jury are the judges both of the law and of the fact."

Mr. Clerk again asked for a copy of the Judge's charge as originally delivered, but without eliciting any reply.

The Jury now retired to their room.

At seven o'clock the Judge retired from the bench, returning at quarter past eight, when also arrived Messrs. Hall, Whiting, Hoffman and Clark. A message was then received from the Jury room, as follows:

TOMBS COURTS, Dec. 11, 1855.

The Jury find ourselves not agreed, and we think it very doubtful whether we can agree for a long time, from present appearances. And we would respectfully solicit that we be furnished with some refreshments in the Jury room.

JOHN F. CRANE, Foreman.

The Court was then called to the bench, and, after some discussion, in which Mr. Clark at first proposed that the Jury be allowed such refreshments as they ordinarily partook of, which was opposed by Mr. Whiting, who objected to any allowance of spirituous liquors, it was agreed that the Jury be provided with the provisions as allowed by law, and that no spirituous liquors be introduced, and the Court so ordered.

The Court then took a recess, probably till 10 o'clock this morning, the Judge ordering that the Jury be informed that he would be in attendance at any time to receive their verdict.

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NEW-YORK, Tuesday, Dec. 11, 1855.

Dr. J. Sweet, Milford, Conn.:

DEAR SIR: I owe it to you to make the following statement of facts concerning your success in treating, and in effecting a permanent cure of an obstinate case of dislocation of the hip-joint. My youngest son, aged 10 years, dislocated his hip, by falling on the ice, in January last. Lameness ensued, by which he was treated by eminent Surgeons, who vainly endeavored to restore the joint to its place. The lameness continued to increase, and his general health to be seriously affected, and this without any prospect of relief. My attention was called to your success in treating cases of this kind, and in June I was urged to place him under your care. On the 6th of that month he went to you on crutches, unable to walk a step without them; remained with you four months, when he returned home entirely recovered, his general health reestablished, and with no perceptible lameness. After the lapse of three months, there is not the slightest evidence of a recurrence of the disease.

These are the simple facts, which I desire to make public, not only as an expression of my thanks, but in the hope that it may induce others similarly situated to avail themselves of your skill. The boy may be seen at my house, No. 159 Leroy-street, by any one who may desire further information on the subject. Yours, &c., JAMES E. HAGUES,

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A PHILADELPHIA BEAU.—The beaux of Boston in the city of brotherly love seem to be very particular expressly for a Knox hat. He couldn't with propriety wear any other. Gentlemen who appreciate the [illegible] can be accommodated to their heart's content at the only store in No. 128 Broadway, corner of Maiden-lane.

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LOOKING-GLASSES.—The only prize medal awarded for looking-glasses at the late Fair was to JOHN S. WILLARD, No. 440 Pearl-street, near Chatham, where can be found the largest assortment in the City of Looking-glass, Picture-frame and gilt mouldings, gold leaf, &c., at wholesale and retail.

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NEW-JERSEY.

New Counterfeits.

During Monday, six or eight three-dollar counterfeit bills on the Mercantile Bank of Salem, Mass. were passed in Hoboken, mostly in lager-bier saloons. They were remarkably well done. Officer CHENY pursued the parties, who were supposed to have passed them, as far as the City of Hudson, where he learned that they had gone in the direction of Newark. They had a horse and wagon. Yesterday Mr. BERNARD, the Hoboken Chief of Police, visited Newark to notify the Police and search for them. They found that considerable of the spurious money had been put into circulation in Newark.

☞ The festival of the ladies of the Presbyterian Church of Hoboken, held on Tuesday evening at Odd Fellows' Hall, netted about $300 for the benefit of the Church.

MARRIED.

In this City, on Tuesday, Dec. 11, by Rev. Dr. Campbell, DWIGHT H. COOLEY to ANNIE D., daughter of William Forbs, all of this City.

In Brooklyn, on Tuesday, Dec. 11, at the residence of Rev. H. White, S. ALTMUS SMITH, Jr., to Miss THERESA PHILLIPS, daughter of William H. Phillips, both of this City.

At New-Brunswick, N. J., on Wednesday, Dec. 12, by Rev. Dr. Davidson, CHARLES S. HAYLES, (of the firm of H. Flanders & Co., of this City,) and Miss JULIA LUDLOW, of the former place.

In East Haven, Conn., on Wednesday, Nov. 7, at the house of the bride's father, by Rev. Daniel W. Havens, Mr. JOHN N. BLACKSTONE, of Branford, Conn., to MINERVA, daughter of Ruel Andrews, Esq., of the former place.

In Philadelphia, on Tuesday, Dec. 11, by Rev. H. M. Byllesby, WILLIAM H. BLITS to Miss ANNA G., daughter of S. F. Robinson, Esq., of the former place.

MARRIAGES AT SEA.—Married at sea, on Sunday, Nov. 4, on board the bark *William and Jane*, (arrived yesterday, 12th, from Hamburg,) by Frederick Krause, Minister of the Gospel: Mr. John Joachim Schmehl to Miss Elizabeth Margaretha Lueck. Also, Mr. August Ferdinand Kirth to Miss Caroline M. C. D. Haumann. Also, Mr. John Christian Heinfeld to Miss Sophia M. F. Batsten. Also, Mr. John F. F. Abraham to Miss Maria S. H. Posser. Also, Mr. Joachim C. Holle to Miss Johanna L. F. Millon. Also, Mr. Christian F. G. Steinfort to Miss Sophia M. E. Seiger. Also, Mr. Andreas W. Dreusen to Miss Lisette M. S. Sperling.

DIED.

In this City, on Wednesday morning, Dec. 12, of scarlet fever, FLORA EUGENIE, daughter of Seth C. and Amelia Ewen, in the 3d year of her age.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, on Friday afternoon, at 2 o'clock, from No. 203 West 18th-st., near 8th-av.

☞ California papers please copy.

In this City, on Wednesday morning, Dec. 12, CECELIA G. LEWIS, daughter of the late Francis Lewis.

The relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend her funeral, at Grace Church, on Friday morning, the 14th inst., at 11½ o'clock, without further invitation.

In this City, on Wednesday morning, Dec. 12, Mr. ISAAC L. BRANDON, in the 63d year of his age.

His friends, and those of his son, A. R. Brandon, are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, without further invitation, from his late residence, No. 91 Clinton-place, on Friday, 14th inst., at 12 o'clock M.

In this City, on Wednesday, Dec. 11, of scarlet fever, MARY INNES KNAPP, aged 7 years and 10 days, daughter of Robert M. and Emily Knapp.

The friends of the parents are invited to attend the funeral, from their residence, No. 128 Charlton-st., this (Thursday) afternoon, at 1 o'clock. The remains will be taken to Greenwood.

In this City, on Wednesday, Dec. 12, MARY CECELIA, the only daughter of John R. and Lucy Aiguier, aged 1 year and 4 months.

The friends of the family, also the members of Hose Company No. 34, are respectfully invited to attend the funeral, from the residence of her parents, No. 44 Thomas-st., at 3 o'clock, 15th inst.

In this City, on Wednesday, Dec. 12, of hemorrhage of the lungs, Mr. JOSEPH CHANDLER, aged 36 years and 27 days.

The funeral will take place from the residence of his brother, at Fishkill Landing, on Friday, the 14th inst., at 10 o'clock A. M.

At Morrisania, on Wednesday, Dec. 12, ALICE E., wife of Nathaniel F. Laharte, and daughter of the late John G. Tibbetts.

The relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend her funeral, at her late residence, Fulton-av., Lower Morrisania, on Friday, 14th inst., at 11 o'clock. Her remains will be taken to Greenwood. Cars leave the City Hall at 9¾ o'clock.

At Brooklyn, on Tuesday evening, Dec. 11, Miss CATHARINE E. FAYSS, in the 17th year of her age.

Her friends and acquaintances, and those of the family, are respectfully invited to attend her funeral, on Friday, the 14th inst., at 2 o'clock, from the residence of her brother-in-law, John H. Hinrichs, No. 61 Butler-st. Her remains will be taken to Greenwood Cemetery, for interment.

In Brooklyn, on Sunday, Dec. 9, Mrs. JANE CASE, at Flushing-av., aged 37 years.

The remains were interred in the Cemetery of the Evergreens.

At White Lane, Sullivan County, on Saturday, Dec. 8, ELIZABETH, wife of John Morrison.

In East Haven, Conn., on Saturday, Dec. 8, very suddenly, of consumption, Miss CAROLINE E. BISHOP, in the 19th year of her age.

☞ New-Jersey papers please copy.

On Saturday, Dec. 8, at the residence of his father, in Framingham, Mass., CHARLES W. EVERSMAN, aged 24 years and 6 months.

COMMERCIAL AFFAIRS.

Sales at the Stock Exchange....Dec. 12.

$6,000	California 7s '70	98	150	Erie Railroad	80 74½
10,500	Virginia 6s	96	450	do	60 47⅞
2,000	do	96¼	100	do	210 47
10,000	Missouri 6s	89	100	do	60 47⅞
10,000	do	88	200	do	60 47
10,000	do	88⅞	100	do	210 47
$1,000	Tennessee 6s '90	94½	200	do	60 47⅞
1,000	Ohio 6s, '60	106½	100	do	60 47
2,775	Ohio 5s, '65	100¾	100	do	60 46⅞
1,000	Erie Bonds of '83	88½	228	Reading R. R.	46 50¼
3,000	do	87½	225	do	50 51
1,000	Erie South of '78	87	300	do	51 51
1,000	Hud. R. 1st M. R.	100¼	500	do	10 50
1,000	N. Lit. M. G. Line	67	400	do	50 51¼
12,000	Ill. C. R. R. Bs	90	200	do	30 51⅞
3,000	do	90 71⅞	100	do	60 51⅞
2,000	do	71⅞	100	do	60 51⅞
3,000	N. Y. Cen. Sub. Bs	81	200	do	30 51⅞
500	N. Y. Cen. 7s	103	50	Hudson Riv. R. R.	60 51⅞
50	Ohio L. & Trust Co.	94¾	100	do	30 51¼
10	Seventh Ward B'k	130	50	Mich. Central R. R.	90¾
10	Bank of Commerce	113	40	Panama Railroad	182½
20	Phenix Bank	111¾	100	do	182
10	Merchants' Ex. B'k	108	15	do	183 104¾
200	Canton Company	31	15	do	104¼
200	do	31	50	do	104¼
400	Nicarag. Trans. Co.	16¾	70	Clev. & Tol. R. R.	70
300	do	16½	200	do	60 70¼
100	do	16¾	250	do	60 70¾
50	Penn. Coal Co.	80	100	do	15 69¾
250	Cumb. Coal Co.	28¾	200	do	60 69¾
50	do	30 28¾	200	do	60 69¾
100	do	28¾	50	C. & R. Is. R. R.	52 86¾
200	do	30 28¾	100	do	15 68
10	Gal. & Chic. R. R.	120¼	100	do	15 68¼
34	do	120			

SECOND BOARD.

$5,000	Missouri 6s	88	100	Reading Railroad	57⅞
3,000	Ill. Cen. R. R. Bs	70¾	150	do	60 58
5,000	do	70	100	do	30 58
3,000	New-York C. 6s	95	100	do	60 58
635	Nicar. Trans. Co.	17	100	do	60 57¾
500	do	60 17¼	55	Mich. Cent. R. R.	90¾
100	Cum. Coal Co.	58 28¾	50	do	60 97
20	Cleve. & Tol. R. R.	69¾	200	do	60 97¼
50	Erie Railroad	60 46¾	200	do	60 96¾
50	do	60 47			

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 12—P. M.

The day was a quiet one in Stock and Money affairs. The Liverpool steamer sailed at noon with $460,000 in Gold. The Nicaragua steamer delivered $825,000, and the *Granada* from New-Orleans, due to-morrow, has $85,000 on freight. The California mail packet, also due, will deliver nearly or quite $1,500,000, judging from the advices of the five principal consignees, who have $1,000,000 on board, against $970,000 by last mail packet, when the aggregate was $1,989,000. The smaller consignees received $225,000 of the Nicaragua shipment. The remittances of 20th November to Messrs. WELLS, DREXEL, HODE, Bank of America and Metropolitan Bank were in each case larger than they have yet been favored with by a single mail. Their advices, also, in regard to the prospects of the mines, and the permanent prosperity and certainty of the mining interest, are the most cheering of the the season. A letter from their resident partner to Messrs. WELLS expresses the opinion that the product of the next six months will be equal to that of any previous nine months, after which the business is expected to assume more steadiness. The improvements making in ditching and fluming were never so extensive or successful. The remittances in Treasury drafts and short sight bills are very considerable by the present mail. Part of the latter are drawn upon French houses here, and believed to be for the purchase of California Grain for French account. Others are made on Boston against the Oil trade, which, as remarked before, is assuming much importance at San Francisco. The demand for Money to-day among the Brokers was slack, owing to the falling off in speculation at the Stock Exchange. The business in Stocks was moderate. Prices closed ¼@½ ⅌ cent. lower on the prominent Road Stocks. An advance was had on Nicaragua Transit shares. The Company are understood to be favored by the new Government of WALKER, and no further interruption to their trade from revolution is apprehended. The resumption of Gold shipments is also deemed encouraging. The prices on State Stocks were sustained, contrary to expectation, in regard to Missouris. It seems that the Legislature has determined to go on with the Railroad improvements of the State against the veto of the Governor. The details of the new bill are not known, but are understood to be such as not to encourage a rapid issue of the debt. The existing issue is a moderate one—$4,580,000. The following is the list of the consignees of Gold by the Nicaragua steamer:

Drexel & Co.	$100,000 00
Bank of America	15,306 00
Scholle & Bros.	13,900 00
W. Seligman & Co.	25,000 00
Aaron Jacobs & Co.	20,000 00
J. Hock & Bros.	3,000 00
S. Mayer & Bros.	2,100 00
M. Rosenstock	2,300 00
Newhouse & Spatz, Phila.	20,000 00
Thos. Watson & Sons, Phila.	30,000 00
W. Heller	9,000 00
Hamberger & Bros.	14,250 00
E. A. Stern	15,000 00
J. Straus, Bros. & Co.	17,951 40
Ulmer & Eisenbaum	80,000 00
Total	$325,901 40

The following shows the receipt of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company for the month of November and for the year, compared with the receipts for the corresponding period last year:

Receipts for the month ending Nov. 30	$410,290 78
Same month last year	277,457 13
Increase	$132,833 65
Receipts from Jan. 1, '55, to Dec. 1, '55	$3,890,175 00
Same period last year	3,336,187 10
Increase	$544,987 90

This Company remitted their half-yearly interest due in London on the 1st January, in gold, by the steamer to-day.

The Sub-Treasury received to-day $58,031; paid, $92,166, and had at the close a balance of $4,065,151.

Our evening cotemporary changes his ground on the Grain supply. His original position was that we had little or no available surplus to spare. This would have left our Bread and Provision export much the same as last year—$36,696,181. He now argues that the surplus for export will not equal that of 1853, when we sent abroad $65,901,240. The difference, it will be noticed, is all important. His proof, however, that the last figure will not be reached is, that in Wheat and its equivalent, Flour, the export from New-York since 1st Sept. is 2,748,717 bushels behind the corresponding period in 1853—say 3,927,874, against 6,676,591 bushels. This data is quite as deceptive as the Canal receipts assumed, as the standard in the former argument. 1. Because the Foreign demand in 1853 came upon the country when its granaries were comparatively full from the old harvest. That of 1855 came upon an exhausted supply from the bad harvest of 1854. Thus far in the present season our exports have been almost entirely of new Wheat and its product, Flour. The reverse was the case in September and October, 1853. 2. Because it is too early in the shipping season to judge of the extent of supply for Europe. We must rather look back to the harvest reports and the general estimate in the interior of the extent of crop. The same is true of Cotton. Apply our cotemporary's reasoning to that staple, and we should double the export of 1853. To the present time we have exported 523,000 bales. Then, only 228,000 bales. Taking the difference in prices into view, he would make out about $2,500,000, against 1855 in bread, and $11,000,000 in favor of the same year in Cotton. Our own estimate, which every day's experience goes to strengthen, is, that the two staples together will yield at least $18,000,000 in excess of 1853, and $55,000,000 in excess of last year.

The Annual Meeting of the stockholders of the New-York Central Company was held to-day in Albany. The following gentlemen were made Directors for the ensuing year: EBENEZER CORNING, Albany; DEAN RICHMOND, Buffalo; JOSEPH FIELD, Rochester; JOHN H. CHEDELL, Auburn; HORACE WHITE, Syracuse; ALONZO C. PAGE, Schenectady; RUSSELL SAGE, Troy; JOHN E. SCHOOLCRAFT, Albany; JOHN V. L. PRUYN, Albany; NATHANIEL THAYER, Boston; SCHUYLER LIVINGSTON, New-York; EDWARD G. FAILE, New-York; JOHN F. SEYMOUR, Utica. The Albany *Evening Journal* contains a partial review of the Annual Report of the Directors, from which—and the Balance Sheet to Oct. 1, in the report of the Investigating Committee recently published—we derive the following facts:

Capital Stock	$24,154,800
Funded Debt	14,462,752
Total	$38,617,552
Less Sinking Funds	480,641
Debt and Stock	$38,136,951

The net result of the year's operations is the payment of 8 ⅌ cent. in Dividends, and a surplus of $368,948, equal to 1.10 ⅌ cent on the Stock—in other words an actual net earning on the Capital *of nine and one-tenth of one per cent.* The operating expenses for the year ending 30th Sept. last, were 52.81 ⅌ cent. of the gross earnings. The increase of Freight and Passenger traffic is stated by the *Journal* at $645,246. There is no floating debt outstanding against the Company. They own property exclusive of the Road and equipment to the value of $1,346,079. The characteristics of the Road and its operations for the year are thus reported.

	Miles.
Length main line from Albany to Buffalo	297 75-100
Total length of road	558 88-100
Length of road laid	555 88-100
Double track including sidings	306 20-100
Length of branches laid	256 15-100
Double track (between Niagara Falls and Suspension Bridge)	9
Weight of rail per yard on main track	56 to 75 lbs.
Number engine houses and shops	32
Number locomotive engines	193
Number passenger cars, first class	157
Number baggage, mail, express cars	63
Number second class, emigrant cars	76
Number freight cars	2,100
Whole length of first track, laid on main line and branches, measuring length of the road, exclusive of the second tracks and sidings	555 88-100
Length of second track, laid on main lines and branches, (exclusive of sidings and turnouts less than one mile in length)	322 25-100
The length of sidings, turnouts and switches laid on main lines and branches	83 96-100
The total length of equivalent single track laid on main lines and branches, adding to the length of the first track, the length of the second track, sidings and turnouts	862 06-100
Bridges—Number 323. Number of Spans	1,107.
Length of Bridging 56,077 feet.	
Farm Crossings—Above grade 61. Below grade	245.
Level with grade 1,886.	
Switches—With permanent tenders 663. Without permanent tenders 150.	

There are 983 stone culverts on the Road—about 1,187,145 ties have been laid down, averaging 8 feet in length, 6 inches in thickness, and 8 inches in breadth of bearing—and about 800,000 cast and wrought iron chairs are on the tracks, whose average weights for the two sorts respectively are 12 lbs. and 12½ lbs. The rails are of six patterns. Three of them are of the compound kind, weighing one 65 lbs. to the yard, and two 75 lbs. each. The other three patterns are of the T, weighing respectively 56, 60, and 75 lbs. to the yard. The rails taken up and re-rolled, are all made into the T pattern, 65 lbs.

The Road has 100 buildings and shops; 196 stalls for engines, and 24,398 feet length of wood-sheds.

Of its engines there are in use and in good repair	190
In shop for repairs	19
Not in shop but requiring repairs	35
Old and nearly worn out	7

Of 2,425 cars of of all descriptions, 1,953 are in good repair, and 472 require slight repairs.

Miles run by the passenger trains	1,941,521
Miles run by the freight trains	1,410,371
Number of passengers carried in cars	2,717,477
Number of miles traveled by passengers	109,009,841
Number of tons freight carried in cars	670,978
Average rate of speed ordinary passenger trains, including stops, (miles ⅌ hour)	21 25-100
Rate of speed of same, when in motion	28
Emigrant trains, average speed, including stops	17 46-100
Rate of speed of same, when in motion	20 40-100
Average rate of speed express trains, including stops	27
Rate of speed of same, when in motion	35
Average rate of speed of freight trains, including stops	11 38-100
Rate of speed of same when in motion	15
Average weight in tons of passenger trains, including passengers and baggage	120 1836-2000
Average weight in tons of freight trains, inclusive of freight	309 1256-2000
	Cents.
Average rate of fare charged for all classes of passengers, per mile	1 32-100
Rate per ton per mile, charged on first-class freight	5 443-1000
Rate per ton per mile, charged on second-class freight	4 218-1000
Rate per ton per mile, charged on third-class freight	3 512-1000
Rate per ton per mile, charged on fourth-class freight	2 756-1000
Average per ton per mile of the foregoing rates	3 986-1000

Of the 3,111,848 passengers, 906,224 were *through*, and 2,515,948 were way.

	Tons.
Of the Freight, products of the forest constituted	37,971
Products of animal	131,234
Vegetable food	244,605
Other agricultural products	9,792
Manufactures	60,140
Merchandise	165,319

READING RAILROAD.

The figures which we copied yesterday from the Philadelphia *Ledger* having been transposed or misprinted, we republish the following, with correction:

The entire cost of the Road, including wharf property, dépôts, machinery, and rolling power, is reported at	$18,464,000
Of which there is in stock	10,700,000
Total	37,164,000
On which the interest at 6 ⅌ cent. (part in reality being at 5,) is	$403,840
Net receipts for the year	2,531,640
Dividend Fund	$3,065,000
Deduct 14 ⅌ cent. on Stock	1,498,000
Surplus to new account	$568,000

Mr. ALBERT H. NICOLAY's regular semi-weekly auction sale of Stocks and Bonds will take place to-morrow (Thursday) at 12¼ o'clock, at the Merchants' Exchange.

Markets—*Carefully Reported for N. Y. Daily Times.*

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 12—6 P. M.

ASHES—Are but moderately inquired for, but remain firm at $8 50 for Pearls, and $7 50 for Pots, ⅌ 100 lbs.

BOOTS AND SHOES—The demand is now quite moderate; but, as the stocks on hand have diminished to a very small figure, prices are without alteration. Local dealers are at present the heaviest operators, there being only a limited inquiry from country buyers, and for shipment to the gold regions in the Pacific.

BRICKS—North River Hard are salable and steady at $4 50 ⅌ thousand. Philadelphia Face find ready buyers at $19@$20 ⅌ thousand. The general supply is moderate. We have nothing new to notice in foreign.

CANDLES—Remain in good request at full prices.

COAL—Foreign is dull and heavy at $8 25@$8 75 for Liverpool Orrel; $6@$6 25 for coarse Newcastle; $6 75 for Sydney; and $5 for Pictou, ⅌ chaldron. Anthracite is in fair demand, and is firm, at $5 50@$6 ⅌ ton of 2,000 lbs.

COCOA—Is inactive and nominal, at 11c. for Maracaibo, 10c. for Guayaquil, and 7½c. for St. Domingo, all in bond, ⅌ lb.

COFFEE—Sales quiet, but is very stiffly held. The sales since our last, embrace 300 bags Java, at 14c.; 900 bags Rio, at 11c.@12c.; 30 Jamaica, at 11½c.; 150 Laguayra, at 11½c.@11¾c.; and small lots of Maracaibo, at 12c.@12½c., ⅌ lb.

COPPER—Is moderately inquired for, and is steady, at 33c.@34c. for new Sheathing; 30c.@31c. for yellow do.; 24c.@25c. for old do.; 35c. for Bolts and Braziers'; 27c.@28c. for American Ingot; and 23c. for Chili Pig, ⅌ lb.

COTTON—Pending the arrival of the steamer, with six days' later news from Europe, operators are reluctant to do much, and the market is inactive, though otherwise unaltered. The sales for the week ending this evening, have been estimated at 7,500 bales. We annex a list of the closing prices:

NEW-YORK CLASSIFICATION.

	Uplands	Florida.	Mobile.	N.O. & Texas.
Ordinary	8¼	8¼	8¼	8¼
Middling	9¼	9¼	9¼	9¾
Middling Fair	9¾	9¾	10	10¼
Fair	10	10	10¼	11¼

FEATHERS—Are plenty and drooping. Sales of Live Geese have been reported at 45c.@48c. for prime Western, and 42c.@45c. for do. Southern, ⅌ lb.

FISH—Dry Cod remains in light supply and being needed, they readily bring in lots $4 12½@$4 37½, according to quality, ⅌ cwt. Mackerel are less eagerly offered and attract rather more notice at $20@$21 for large Mess, No. 1; $17 for small do.; $16@$16 50 for Halifax No. 1; $12 50 for large Mess, No. 2; $11@$11 50 for small and medium do; $7 50@$8 for large No. 3, and $6 50@$6 75 for small do., ⅌ bbl. Pickled Salmon are quiet but firm at $22 ⅌ tc., and $21 50 ⅌ bbl. Connecticut Shad are likewise inactive and somewhat nominal at $10 25 for No. 1, and $9 25 for No. 2, ⅌ half bbl. Pickled Herring range from $3 50@$4 50 ⅌ bbl., with a moderate demand through. Dutch Herring are quoted at $3 62½ ⅌ box, with a light business. Smoked Herring are coming forward and selling freely at 37c.@40c. for scaled, and 25c.@28c. for No. 1, ⅌ box.

FLAX—Domestic is scarce and nominal in price.

FLOUR AND MEAL—State and Western are ruling with diminished receipts, less expenses to realize, and a slightly improved demand for home use, for export, and partially to fill contracts, are a trifle firmer, though not very buoyant, at the slight improvement. The sales since our last embrace about 13,000 bbls., here and to arrive soon, chiefly within the annexed range:

Ordinary State	$8 56¼@$8 62½
Straight State	8 62½@8 68¾
Favorite and Extra State	8 68¾@8 81¼
Mixed Western	8 56¼@8 68¾
Common to Good Indiana and Mich.	8 68¾@8 87½
Fancy Michigan	8 87½@9 12½
Common to Good Ohio	8 56¼@8 87½
Fancy Ohio	8 87½@9 12½
Extra Ohio	9 00 @10 25
Extra Indiana and Michigan	9 00 @10 00
Fancy Genesee	9 00 @9 25
Extra Genesee	9 75 @11 50

Canadas are downy better, with sales of 2,000 bbls. Superfine to best Extra, at $8@$10 ⅌ bbl. Southern rules quiet and unsupplied—the sales since our last having amounted to about 1,000 bbls. Mixed to Fancy and Extra, at $8 12½@$10 75 ⅌ bbl. Rye Flour is selling in a small way at $6@$7 50 for Fine and Superfine ⅌ bbl. Corn Meal is in slack request, and heavy in price, at $4 25@$4 31½ for Jersey, $4 62½ for Baltimore, and $4 75 for